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'GOTCHA' LOMA LINDA!!

Animals, records stolen in raid at Loma Linda

By Kim Kowsky
Herald Examiner staff writer

Militant animal rights activists raided a farm at Loma Linda University Medical Center before dawn yesterday, spiriting away seven dogs they claimed were used in organ transplant research and dozens of files containing the breeding histories and immunization records of more than 100 goats.

In an Animal Liberation Front statement released yesterday, the activists said they were protesting the "Frankenstein-like experiments" performed by Dr. Leonard Bailey, who in 1984 transplanted the heart of a baboon into an infant suffering a fatal heart defect.

But university officials said none of the animals taken was slated for research and that the loss of the immunization documents will jeopardize the future care of their goats. The stolen animals included two adult dogs retired from a breeding program and now considered pets and five recently donated puppies, said spokesman Dick Schaefer.

"Loma Linda University is outraged at the illegal activities of the radical ALF and the falsified information released following their raid," said Schaefer.

With the help of an "inside informant," at least three masked animal activists cut through a fence surrounding a neighboring construction site and entered the compound through a side door, said ALF spokeswoman Margo Tannenbaum.

Detectives investigating the incident discovered the laboratory's alarms had not been set, said San Bernardino sheriff's spokesman James Bryant.

Once inside, the raiders smashed television sets and scrawled graffiti on the walls, causing damages estimated at up to $10,000, Schaefer said.

It was 27th time since 1983 that ALF activists have broken into medical research laboratories, according to documents with the National Institutes of Health, said Dr. Charles McCarthy, director of the institutes' Office for Protection From Research Risks.

The activists claimed that records show that Baby Fae's donor baboon was injected with Ketamine, a chemical restraint, but was not given any anesthetic before his heart, lymph nodes, spleen, aortas and thymus were removed.

The baboon "was fully awake, aware and feeling pain, but was unable to move," Tannenbaum said. "How would you like to have your heart cut out of you and not be able to move?"

The anti-vivisectionists also took pictures of baby baboons with shaved chests sporting ribbons and pins that read, "Just say no to drugs," along with other photographs depicting the researchers "callousness toward animals," Tannenbaum said.

In other attempts to defend the break-in, the self-proclaimed animal liberators issued statements yesterday accusing Bailey of "the premeditated murder of Baby Fae," saying new documents revealed that Bailey knew the operation was doomed.

Evidence for the activists' claims was a document stating that only two of the hundreds of goats who received cross-species organ transplants survived longer than three months, Tannenbaum said.

Underground group defaces lab

Red paint splashed, animals taken in Loma Linda

By STEPHAN STERN
Sun Staff Writer

LOMA LINDA — An underground animal rights group took credit Monday for a predawn raid on a Loma Linda University Medical Center laboratory, confiscating 18 animals it claimed were victims of painful experimentation.

Sheriff's officials said the intruders poured red paint over telephones, typewriters, clothing, a microwave oven and a television, and scrawled slogans on the walls such as "murderers" and "torturers."

"Everything possible felt the wrath of the red paint. It was splashed all over," said Jim Bryant, spokesman for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The Animal Liberation Front, an extremist group opposed to animal vivisection, claimed responsibility for the raid through Margo Tannenbaum, an San Bernardino animal rights activist.

In a strongly worded press release, the group also crit-

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Liberator Intends To Inform

This is the inaugural issue of the "Liberator," the first-ever attempt to disseminate information, ideas and opinions about the animal liberation movement in the U.S.

The stories, clippings, letters and any other materials found on these pages are in not necessarily those of the publisher, writers, editors or anyone else involved in any way with the "Liberator." In fact, most of the materials herein are reprinted from newspapers, magazines and other publications in the U.S. and overseas.

The content herein in no way is intended to encourage, or discourage, anyone from participating, or not participating in activities described.

However, this publication is intended to inform the animal liberation movement about activities that have not necessarily received widespread coverage nationwide -- the U of Oregon raid, Loma Linda and scores of other raids that have taken place over the past four years.

The ALFSG was created in 1988 to disseminate this information, not only to activists but to the news media and public. The ALFSG consists of those not directly involved in actions, and helps with legal aid for ALF activists.

For those who may wonder, the ALF has made it clear that is not one big group, but a collection of small autonomous groups of people all over the country and the world. You cannot join the ALF by paying a subscription fee.

If an individual, we've been told, is interested in participating in an animal liberation action, that individual gets together with some close friends of like mind, or by him or herself, undertakes the operation. That's it. That's the ALF - as we've been told.

There is, according to the ALF, a "policy," which has existed since the group began in 1976:

The ALF takes direct action against all forms of animal abuse. This action falls basically into two categories.

1) The resuce or liberation of animals from premises or establishments in order to save them from persecution. Such animals are either taken to good homes, or released into the wild if they have a reasonable chance to survive.

2) Damage to property or premises connected with animal abuse. This is done in order to disrupt the persecution of animals and to cause financial loss to the animal abusers so as to reduce the money they are able to invest in animal abuse, to force them out of business or to encourage them to mend their ways.

It is against ALF policy to use serious personal violence against anyone. For instance, in the course of an action, it woiuld all right to restrain someone to perhaps tie them up but not injure them. The exception to this is self-defense. If attacked, ALF activists are entitled to defend themselves using reasonable methods. If possible, raids will be carried out to avoid confrontation. Activists should make sure they sure building so that there is minimal risk to human and nonhuman life.

Finally, according to the 12-year-old ALF support group in Britain, ALF activists -- and even those who actively support ALF activites or philosophy -- should be at least vegetarian and preferably vegans. Since a very large part of the ALF campaign is directed at the meat industry, it would be extremely hypocritical if this were not the case.

ALF Founder: To Do Nothing Is 'Immoral'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ronnie Lee is founder of A.L.F. in Britain, and is now serving a 10-year prison sentence for conspiracy, a trumped-up charge. This publication in no way takes credit for what authors of our "letters" column write. In the case of Ronnie Lee, American readers should be aware that he is now serving the stiffest known sentence -- for not personally taking part in a liberation, but because he spoke out in behalf of such actions. Earlier, he admittedly helped form the A.L.F., and participated in the destruction of several vivisector laboratories. His letter here, written several years ago, speaks to increasing violence by animal abusers against animal liberationists. Lee had observed liberationists being beaten, and as he writes, was frustrated with the dependence of so-called heroes of other movements. In the U.S., there is a similar "worship." And, some of those supporting A.L.F. actions have been critical of certain kinds of actions, such as the $4.5 million fire that destroyed a new research lab at UC Davis. The objection occurred despite no risk, or loss of life. Lee's letters speaks, in part to those objections, and he speaks from experience, probably a decade more than any known activist in the U.S. This publication welcomes letters in response to this letter, or any other).

We can no longer afford to sweep the issue of violence under the carpet. This subject has never been propoerly debated or discussed within the movement and it is high time it was.

The animal rights movement has up to now been largely non-violent (except in so far as it has evoked the violence of state legislation against animal abuse) - and has had as its 'heroes' people such as Ghandi and Martin Luther King.

To my mind this preoccupation with 'non-violence' has a lot to do with the middle class origins of most of the people in the movement. The middle class traditionally don't like to get personally involved in violence. They would rather that others (usually the forces of the state) carried out their violence for them.

I feel that this obsession with non-violence, the 'worship' of Ghandi, the links with the Peace movement are having a very harmful effect on the animal liberation movement.

Total pacifism is an immoral philosophy.

There are times when violence has to be used to prevent a greater evil and to refrain from carrying out that necessary violence in the name of some half-baked pacifist ideology is to be almost (if not equally) responsible for the greater evil that is thereby allowed to take place.

We are not just responsible for our actions - we are responsible for our omissions also, for our failures to act (and to act violently if that is what is called for) and it is high time the 'pacifists' realized this.

Violence is a dangerous tactic and can so easily backfire, doing more harm than good to a cause. The IRA, for instance, has demonstrated this with its callous and unintelligent use of bombings and shootings. Nevertheless, there is a place for violence and to deny its use to the movement when necessary is to demand that we should fight this difficult struggle with one hand tied behind our backs.

Pacifisim attempts to appeal to the 'better nature' of the opposition. But what happens when those who oppose us have no 'better natures'? Hunt thugs do not suddenly see the light and refrain from attacking non-violent hunt saboteurs. On the contrary, they go in even harder, deliberately picking on the weakest and the most peaceful.

Violence is the only language many of these people understand. This may be a hard home truth for the pacifist ideologues of the movement to understand but it is a home truth nevertheless. And after having spent 10 active years in the hunt saboteurs, I can vouch that it is sadly the case. The large scale non-violence of the hunt saboteurs has led to HSA members running away or standing watching while the slowest or weakest are set upon by the terrier men. But when the hunt sabs have stood united to give the hunt thugs measure for measure, it is almost invariably the bloodsporters who have fled from the conflict. A bully is always a coward. And the best way to deal with bullies is to give them a damn good hiding.

I am not, in any way, advocating mass violence by the animal liberation movement. I think that such tactics could well be very dangerous. The Animal Liberation Movement and other direct action groups have had a great deal of success with militant actions which do not involve personal violence and I would say that what the movement needs is a massive increase in ALF-style actions rather than outbursts of violence.

Nevertheless we are faced with the problem of what to do when the enemy reacts violently to actions which we carry out against them. The hunt saboteurs already have this problem with hunt thugs and I predict that more and more animal abusers are going to react violently as their profits fall and their animal persecution businesses begin to crumble in the face of the animal liberation onslaught.

Already butchers are waiting in their shops with shotguns to shoot ALF activists and within the last year members of the an ALF group were shot at by a poultry farmer during a raid. And what will happen when the under-siege animal abusers begin to take revenge willy-nilly on animal rights campaigners (when will societies learn not to publish the addresses of their local contacts) for the actions of the militants? We will be faced with a stark choice. Either we d not carry out actions against anim abusers who react violently or we sho them that we can be more violent tha they are.

To me, the second choice is the onl acceptable one. It would be total wrong to refrain from raiding a premis because the proprieter is likely to com out with a shotgun or to respond wi violence. Why should it only be th least vicious of the animl abusers wh get attacked while the more vicious g away with it because of their very v ciousness?

If the animal abusers are going t use weapons - then in order to save th animals, animal liberationists may hav to go armed with at least equivaler weapons. And animal abusers must b shown that if they violently attack an mal liberation campaigners then the will be given douible back.

This is not to say that the AL should itself use personal violence. Fo tactical reasons I feel that it is best tha the ALF retains its current policy o these matters (in the same way that fo tactical reasons organizations (such as BUAAV and CIWF remain within the law). However, there is noting to stop fresh groups being setup uner new names whose policies do not preclude the use of violence towards animal abusers.

This item may shock many people but it's about time somebody did some straight talking on the subject of violence. Animal liberation will not be achieved if we treat the struggle for it as a social club or a garden party. Only an all out war, fought with intelligent tactics, can offer the animals any hope of freedom.

Human imperialism, deeply entrenced after tens of thousands of years of animal persecution will not be defeated by petitions, peaceful posturing or the holding of hands round slaughterhouses. People who make vast profits and a 'good life' out of animal abuse will not give up their busiensses without a hard and bitter struggle.

There will be injuries and possibly deaths on both sides before our ultimate victory for animal liberation is achieved. This is sad but certain. For, unfortunately, we live in the world of harsh reality and not in Fairyland.

If you want to play games then try Monopoly or Snakes and Ladders. Animal liberation is not a hobby or a parttime pastime but a fierce struggle that demands total commitment - if the animals are ever to be free. And if any animal dies in agony because we have failed, through ridiculous ideology, to use adequate force against its torturuers then we are ourselves responsible for that creatures torment.

-- Ron Lee

The real 'terrorists' are the animal researchers

YOUR STORY on the "terrorism" of the Animal Liberation Front (April 10) has again, as such stories generally do, missed the mark. Unlawful as ALF activities are, they have, in fairness, been confined to property damage. Compare that to the violence perpetrated upon the minds and bodies of living animals and you come across a very chilling terrorism — constant, pervasive and secret.

There is the Stanford researcher who recently worked on the brains of inadequately anesthetized cats and, reportedly, caused them to scream and writhe in agony until his students revolted. What has Stanford done — other than administer a slap on the wrist — to instigate proceedings against this atrocity? How about a front-page story on that?

There is Professor Seymour Levine, presently in receipt of federal grant HD2881 for $2 million, plus 73 percent to Stanford's general fund for "indirect cost recovery," totalling $3.5 million of our taxes, to permit him to pursue through the 24th year what, in his own words, is a simulation in monkeys of human day-care conditions. (Human working parents doubtless know best what $3.5 million could do for day-care conditions.) His most recent five-year grant renewal application speaks of producing "maternal separation and loss" in monkeys. The look of total, hopeless despair in the face of a baby monkey removed from his mother is as visual a definition of terror as one could wish. Why is Levine identified in your story only as "the target of rabid activist criticism"?

There is too the quiet violence of attitude. A letter by the former chair of Stanford's Psychiatry Department supporting the 1987 renewal of a federal grant requests the following supplies: "Hardware, software and wetware (i.e. animals and their care)." The "wetware" in question was cats and primates.

There is enough terrorism going on behind the sealed laboratory door to fill the front pages of every newspaper every day — and none of it committed by animal rightists.

Loma Linda: 'City Without A Heart...'

Dogs, Research Papers Stolen at Medical Center

By LOUIS SAHAGUN,
Times Staff Writer

LOMA LINDA, Calif.—Seven dogs and research documents belonging to the surgeon who transplanted a baboon heart into Baby Fae in 1984 were stolen early Monday from an animal care facility at Loma Linda University Medical Center, authorities said.

The militant Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn raid in which intruders also dumped red paint on equipment and defaced walls with animal rights slogans and words including "torturers" and "murderers," San Bernardino County sheriff's spokesman Jim Bryant said. Damage to the facility was estimated at $6,000 to $10,000.

Loma Linda officials described the care facility as a "farm" where animals including goats, horses and dogs were taken after their use in research projects had ended.

"Criminals performing acts that jeopardize the health and welfare of these farm animals should be prosecuted," said Dr. Leonard L. Bailey, chief of pediatric cardiac surgery at Loma Linda, in a statement released by Loma Linda officials. The Animal Liberation Front said it stole records on Bailey's work. Bailey could not be reached for additional comment.

Animal-rights group admits vandalism at Loma Linda lab

The Associated Press

LOMA LINDA — A militant animal-rights group claimed responsibility Monday for entering a Loma Linda University Medical Center lab and taking seven dogs after splattering red paint on walls and office equipment.

University officials said the stolen dogs were non-research animals and estimated the vandalism damage at between $6,000 and $10,000, spokeswoman Anita Rockwell said.

The break-in occurred before dawn Monday at a part of the lab called the Farm, Rockwell said. In addition to the animal theft and vandalism, the intruders stole records needed for the future care of about 100 goats, she said.

"The criminals performing acts that jeopardized the health and welfare of these farm animals should be prosecuted," Dr. Leonard L. Bailey said in a statement.

In another statement issued shortly after the raid, Animal Liberation Front members attacked the procedures used by Bailey, the Loma Linda surgeon who performed a baboon-to-baby heart transplant on the infant Baby Fae in 1984.

The statement, accompanied by a photograph of a masked man with two Labrador retrievers, said the group had obtained files which they claim show "Baby Fae's blood was mismatched with that of the baboon, how her blood was withdrawn for testing in adult amounts, and how pre-existing bacteria in her system was purposely allowed to remain."

Bailey said after Baby Fae's death that his failure to match blood types was unavoidable because baboons rarely have type O blood, Baby Fae's blood type.

The San Bernardino-based ALF issued the statement through spokeswoman Margo Tannenbaum.

The group claimed responsibility for a similar theft in January at a University of California, Irvine, laboratory located off the main campus. The members took 13 beagles used in air-pollution and sleep-apnea experiments.

In 1987, University of California, Davis officials attributed a $4.5 million fire at a research laboratory to the group, and in 1985, the front said it took 650 animals from a laboratory at University of California, Riverside, causing $680,000 in damages.

The UCI and Riverside thefts occurred over weekends when the facilities were locked but unattended.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Lt. Mike Stodelle said two adult Labrador retrievers, which had been used for breeding, and five younger, mixed-breed dogs, whose future had not been decided, were taken in the break-in.

"Lab damage was extensive inside. In several rooms there was graffiti on the walls, saying things like 'murderers,' 'torturers' and references to ALF. References were made indicating they'll be back," Stodelle said.

The older dogs had been retired from a breeding program and were considered pets, Rockwell said.

Outside, where the dogs had been caged, padlock hasps were cut to get the animals out, he said. How the raiders got into the lab was still under investigation, he added.

Paint was splashed over floors, walls, typewriters, telephones, microwave ovens, television sets and other equipment, the officer said.

He said there were a large number of goats outside the lab, but none appeared to be missing. The ALF statement contended two goats were taken.

Stodelle said the lab alarm system wasn't engaged because of recent problems with it.

Investigators had no idea how many people took part, "but we feel it was more than one because of the number of dogs taken," Stodelle said.

In addition to the animals, ALF members claimed they seized "hundreds of pages of Bailey's files that document painful experimentation involving heart transplant rejection in goats, dogs, pigs, sheep and baboons."

Bailey transplanted the baboon heart in Baby Fae on Oct. 26, 1984. She died 20½ days after the operation.

Rockwell said no significant research materials were taken, and said the papers taken were from previously published reports.

The ALF statement said an "inside informant" told the organization that the experiments at the lab were "fraudulent" and "redundant."

The statement said a review of documents taken from the lab led the group to conclude that "Dr. Bailey had full prior knowledge that Baby Fae could never survive and in fact, did not expect her to do so based on his prior research."

Loma Linda is 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

Register staff writer Susan Peterson contributed to this report.

Materials seized in ALF case

By SELWYN EIBER
Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Sheriff's deputies have seized videotapes and materials from KCBS-TV Channel 2 and from an Animal Liberation Front spokeswoman in hopes of learning who broke into Loma Linda University Medical Center on Monday, stealing seven dogs and research papers.

The clandestine ALF, which believes that the use of animal studies to learn more about humans is scientific fraud, claimed credit for the seizure of materials from noted infant transplant surgeon and re-

Wednesday night, deputies entered the home of ALF spokeswoman Margo Tannenbaum and used a search warrant to obtain photographs and documents, said Sgt. Mike Howell of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department on Thursday.

Tannenbaum, who was not arrested, said the ALF left research papers, videotapes and photographs with her so she could distribute them to the media.

About five deputies took the materials from Tannenbaum's San Bernardino home without any resistance from a friend who was there, Howell said. Tannenbaum was not there at the time.

"I think I'm just kind getting caught in the middle," Tannenbaum said Thursday, saying she is not member of the ALF, just an intermediary.

Still, Tannenbaum said she wasn't surprised by what happened, although she said she was annoyed deputies took items like her personal Rolodex. She also said deputies confiscated many files on animal research that she has collected over the years that she said have nothing to do with Monday's break-in.

On Wednesday, deputies used a search warrant to take videotapes and photographs pertaining to the break-in from KCBS's Riverside bureau.

Judge Orders Videotapes Returned to TV Station

A San Bernardino County Superior Court judge Monday reversed himself and ordered the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to return videotapes it seized last week from a KCBS television news office.

The tapes of a raid by the Animal Liberation Front on a farm used by Loma Linda University Medical Center were seized from KCBS's Riverside bureau after sheriff's

from Judge Michael Smith. Lawyers for the television station subsequently argued in a hearing before Smith that he had erred in issuing the warrant, saying state law prohibits search warrants from being served on the news media to gather unpublished information.

Smith re-evaluated his order granting the search warrant and ordered it quashed Monday.

In response, the San Bernardino County district attorney's office served a subpoena on the television station to get the tapes back into the hands of authorities. A hearing

KCBS spokeswoman Andi Sporkin said the station feels vindicated by Smith's decision. She said his initial signing of the warrant "set a terrible precedent when it happened."

"There are traditional legal steps to request material," Sporkin said.

One of the seized videotapes was supplied by the Animal Liberation Front, which stole goats and dogs from the farm and released a tape to the media at a news conference. The other videotapes were shot by KCBS crews and showed the out-

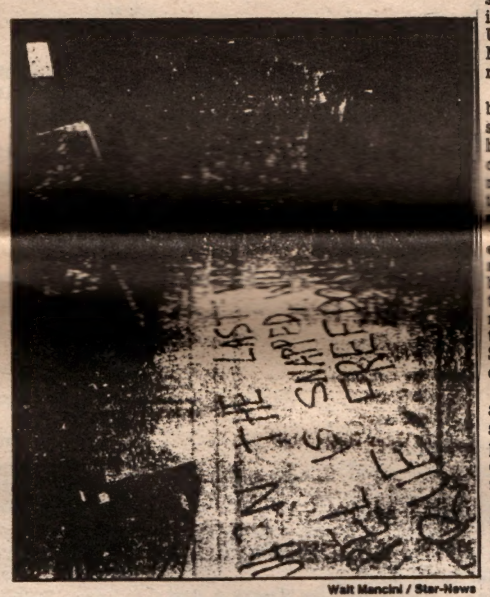
contained an interview with Animal Liberation Front spokeswoman Margo Tannenbaum, a KCBS spokeswoman said.

Researchers gird for further lab, animal thefts

By SELWYN EIBER
Staff Writer

LOMA LINDA — Loma Linda University Medical Center will increase its security in the wake of a break-in by animal activists who stole seven dogs and research materials belonging to pioneering heart transplant surgeon Dr. Leonard Bailey.

Dr. Charles Kean, Loma Linda's animal care facility director, would not tip the center's hand during a news conference Tuesday by revealing what measures might be taken to prevent future raids. He said the center's staff will meet soon and come up with tougher measures.



Walt Mancini / Star-News

Dr. Charles Kean surveys damage to facility

Animals: Lab security to increase

"They are malicious and deserve prosecution," he said.

The conference at the center was called in response to an early Monday morning break-in that the clandestine Animal Liberation Front has claimed credit for. The intruders stole two Labrador retrievers that had been used to breed dogs for experiments, and five puppies the center considered pets, hospital officials said.

The intruders also spray painted all over the walls and floors of an office by the center's "farm," where some research animals are kept, with slogans such as "murderers," "gotcha" and "Loma Linda/city without a heart."

In a statement Monday, the ALF said the stolen documents showed that Bailey was aware that his controversial 1984 transplant of a baboon heart into the infant Baby Fae was doomed to fail.

Hospital officials denounce raid, repudiate animal cruelty charges

Animal rights activist says she faces criminal charge

By PATRICK McGREEVY
Sun Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Animal Advisory Commissioner Margo Tannenbaum has been charged with receiving stolen property — copies of materials taken in a laboratory raid by an animal rights group, she said Wednesday.

A research group has asked the city council to remove Tannenbaum from the commission for allegedly aiding the outlaw Animal Liberation Front after raids, including one on a laboratory at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Councilman Tom Minor said Wednesday he would stand by his appointment of Tannenbaum until someone proves that she broke the law.

Tannenbaum was charged after copies of photographs and documents taken in a raid on Loma Linda medical center were found in her San Bernardino home, said Deputy District Attorney Kathy Relyea.

Joe Baca, chairman of Citizens for Responsible Research, objected to Tannenbaum's formation of the ALF Support Group, which is selling bumper stickers, T-shirts and Christmas cards promoting the Animal Liberation Front.

The sales will pay to distribute copies of documents taken in lab raids and possibly to pay legal expenses for liberation front members if any get caught by the authorities, Tannenbaum said.

"I'm not doing anything illegal," said Tannenbaum. "We have a constitutional right to support who we want. This is raising money to legally support the results of the ALF raids. There's a good deal of documentation to be copied and circulated."

State Attorney General John Van de Kamp has labeled the Animal Liberation Front a terrorist organization for raiding and vandalizing labs and stealing animals and documents involved in research.

History of U.S. Liberations/Actions

11-12-88 Turkey Ranch, Manteca, CA
33 Injured Turkeys, Painted Slogans

10-15-88 Animal Trainer's Homes, Escondido, CA
3 trainers who severely beat "Dunda" the elephant at the San Diego Zoo, had their homes painted with slogans and their cars doused w/paint stripper & red paint saying "Dunda's Revenge"

10-1-88 King Meats, Carriage Market, Tel-A-Viv Kosher Meats, Akron Meats, The Leather Center, and Roberts Corned Meats - San Francisco, CA -- Knightsburg Wild Game and a Taxidermist Shop in San Bruno, all had slogans painted on then, windows etched, and economic sabotage.

8-21-88 Atlanta Furs & Toni Lucci Furs, in Atlanda, GA had windows hit w/eggs containing glass etching fluid.

8-15-88 LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, Heart Transplant Lab of Dr. Leonard Bailey, 2 Adult Dogs, 5 Puppies and 2 Goats, $10,000 economic sabotage, and hundreds of research documents.

6-23-88 Santa Rosa Veal Farm, Santa Rosa, CA
2 Baby Veal

5-10-88 Harris Ranch, Colinga, CA (30,000 cattle)
Spray-painted slogans freeway overpass

4-27-88 Harris Ranch, Colinga, CA (30,000 cattle)
Spray-painted water tank, signs

4-2-88 Davis Egg Ranch, Gilroy, CA
63 chickens, prize layers/breeders

4-5-88 Race Street Fish & Poultry, San Jose, CA
Spray-painted slogans

3-27-88 Nita-Bell Rabbitry, Hayward, CA
64 Rabbits, prime breeders

3-21-88 Sun Valley Meat Co., San Jose, CA
Glass etching fluid on windows, Trucks spray-painted w/slogans

3-6-88 Sun Valley Meat Co., San Jose, CA
Paint strippered trucks

1-29-88 Univ. of Calif. at Irvine, Irvine, CA
13 Beagles, 13 yr. project

11-28-87 Poultry Warehouse, Santa Clara, CA
Interior fire in warehouse

11-26-87 Ferrara Meat Co., San Jose, CA
Fire in grain building

11-19-87 Davis Egg Ranch, Gilroy, CA
Truck spray-painted w/slogans

11-17-87 Birds Landing Pheasant Hunting Club, Fairfield, CA
Cut down billboard, spray-painted slogans

11-14-87 Faith Home Poultry, Ceres, CA
38 Hens, equipment sabotaged, slogans

11-9-87 Marysville Rodeo, Marysville, CA
Cut down billboard, slogans

10-87 Taxidermist Shop, Fresno, CA
Paint bombed, spray-painted

10-87 Olivera Egg Farm, California
Trucks, battery units spray-painted

10-87 Roberts' Furs, Fresno, CA
Paint Bombs, Locks glued

10-87 Birds Landing Pheasant Hunting Club, Fairfield, CA
Paint bombed replacement billboard

9-1-87 San Jose Valley Veal, Inc.
$7500-$10,000 fire damage to paper products warehouse

8-23-87 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Research Institute, Beltsville, MD
36 cats, 7 pigs, spray-painted slogans

8-12-87 Univ. of Nevada at Las Vegas
3 Goats

6-13-87 Univ. of Calif. at Davis, Raptor Center
7 Turkey vultures

5-24-87 Bureau of Land Management, Litchfield, CA
300 wild horses freed

5-20-87 Grau Hall Scientific Corp., Sacramento, CA
Spray-painted slogans

Easter Wolfe Poultry Farm, Inc., Milan, PA
40 Hens

4-17-87 Universal Animal Care, Bloomington, CA
115 Rabbits

4-87 Tarlow's Furs, Fresno, CA
Slogans Painted

4-87 Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Butcher Shop, Hunting & Fishing Shop, Lake Havasau City, CA
Slogans spray-painted

4-16-87 Univ. of Calif. at Davis, Davis, CA
Burned down Animal Diagnostic Lab under construction,
$4.3 million dollars damage

4-87 Harris Ranch, Colinga, CA (30,000 cattle)
Spikes under truck tires, slogans

3-19-87 Tarlow's Furs, San Jose, CA
Broke Windows, put gasket-sealer in key slots, spray-painted slogans

2-87 Kentucky Fried Chicken, Beaumont, CA
Billboard cut down, spray-painted slogans

2-87 I. Magnin's, Palm Springs, CA
Billboard cut down in protest of fur dep

1-87 Tarlow's Furs, San Jose, CA
Paint bombs, locks glued, slogans

12-6-86 SEMA Corporation, Rockville, MD
4 Chimpanzees
Internal documentation

11-24-86 Omega and HMS Turkey Ranches, Sacramento, CA
127 Turkeys, $12,000 damage

10-26-86 Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Breeding Facility
264 Animals: 12 hampsters, 18 cats, 24 rabbits, 100 rats, pigeons
$50,000 damage

6-4-86 Sydel's Egg Farm, Hartley, DE
25 Hens

1-86 Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley, CA
Rabbits (number unknown)

9-85 Riding Stable, Cleveland, OH
Horses and Raccoons (number unknown)

8-10-85 Leather #1, Bethesda, MD
Spray-painted slogans on walls, awnings and windows

4-20-85 Univ. of Calif. at Riverside
Almost 1000 animals: (1 monkey, 21 cats, 9 opossums, 35 rabbits, 38 pigeons, 70 gerbils, 300 mice, rabbits and rats)
Documents & videotapes
Several hundred thousand dollars economic sabotage

4-11-85 Univ. of Calif. at Davis, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital
Spray-painted slogans on univ. vehicles

3-85 Honolulu Zoo, Honolulu, Hawaii
2 Mongoose

3-13-85 House of Furs, Sacramento, CA
Broke plate-glass window and glass front door, spray-painted slogans on front of bldg. and garage door,
$5000 damage

3-10-85 Animal Control Director's House, Los Angeles, CA
Paint splattered on house and Porsche

2-16-17-85 Nappa County Animal Shelter
10 City of Hope Rabbits re-liberated

2-13-85 Univ. of Calif. at Davis, Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research
2 Beagles

1-85 University of Minnesota
1 Dog

1-14-85 Univ. of Calif. at San Diego, School of Medicine
Death threat to dog lab professor causes cancellation of seminar

1-85 San Diego, CA Dept. Store, Fur Dept.
Simulated bomb left in restroom

1984 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Rats (number unknown)

12-12-84 Fur Outlet, Inc., Tampa, FL
Spray-painted slogans on bldg.

12-9-84 CITY OF HOPE, National Medical Center Duarte, CA
115 Animals: (13 cats, 18 rabbits, 21 dogs 50 mice, etc.)
Economic sabotage of $500,000 of research
$7000 damage

11-12-84 Knudsen Facility, (USDA "B" Dealer/Buncher Stockton, CA
Broken windows, paint thrown on facility, Box left with ALF msg.
(Knudsen went to jail for 2 yrs.)

10-84 Pork Slaughterhouse, Vernon, CA
Defaced murals on outside of slaughterhou

9-5-84 Univ. of Calif. at Davis, CA, Primate Research Center
Fake bombs delivered to researchers

8-12-84 George's Livery, Springfield, CA
1 Rabbit, 3 Raccoons

7-26-84 Univ. of Penn., School of Veterinary Med. Philadelphia, PA
4 cats, 1 dog, 8 pigeons

7-22-84 Univ. of Penn., School of Veterinary Med. Philadelphia, PA
1 Dog

6-30-84 Folsom Rodeo, Sacramento, CA
Spray-painted slogans on facility gates, walls, seats

5-28-84 UNIV. OF PENN., Head Injury Clinic Philadelphia, PA
60 Hours of Researcher's Video Tapes
$20,000 Economic Sabotage

5-16-84 Calif. State University at Sacramento Psychology Dept.
23 Rats

12-25-83 UCLA HARBOR MEDICAL CENTER, LA
12 Dogs

12-24-83 Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD Psychology Dept.
6 Rats

12-22-83 6 Dade County Furriers, Florida
Spray-painted slogans on windows and doors, jammed locks w/nails & solder

1-14-83 U.S. Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD
3 Dogs

12-27-82 Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley, Psychology Dept.
3 Cats

12-27-82 U.S. Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD
1 Dog

12-25-82 Howard Univ. College of Medicine, Wash, D.
Approx. 30 Cats, $2640 damage

6-26-82 New Rochelle Fatt Calfe, New York
1 Calf

4-2-82 Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD
42 Rabbits

10-81 Univ. of Mass., Hatch Lab, Amherst
2 Rabbits

12-9-80 Ringling Bros. Barnum & Baily Circus Venice, FL
Spray-painted slogans on trailers

12-4-80 Univ. of Southern Florida, Tampa, FL
55 Gerbils, 35 Rats

3-14-79 New York Univ. Medical Center, New York
1 Cat, 2 Dogs, 2 Guinea Pigs

5-29-77 Univ. of Hawaii Marine Lab, Honolulu
2 Dolphins

YEAR	ACTIONS	ANIMALS LIBERATED	DOLLAR DAMAG
88	8	140	55,000.00
87	26	546	4,776,700.00
86	5	430	82,000.00
85	12	1025	350,500.00
84	12	155	554,000.00
83	4	21	15,000.00
82	5	77	20,000.00
81	1	2	50.00
80	2	90	5,000.00
79	1	5	1,000.00
77	1	2	10,000.00
TOTALS:	77	2485	5,800,000.00

Send Your Reports

These Action Reports are probably only a small percentage of what's happening out there. So, if you see any stories about direct action activities, please forward clippings to the ALFSG.

And, if you are a member of an active ALF-type group, send any clippings, or your own report, giving date, time, place and a few details about the action. But, be careful, send the report on plain paper, using block capital letters, or typed on a disposable, or non-traceable typewriter. Wear gloves at all times so that your fingerprints are not on the paper or envelope. Moisten, don't lick, the stamps and post the information away from your home or business.

Send the reports to: ALFSG, 1543 No. E. Street, No. 44, San Bernardino, CA 92405.

International Actions...

22/01/88: An incendiary device ignited in Debenhams, causing slight damage.
Feb 88: JJ Dally Butcher's window smashed in West End.
06/02/88: 3 windows of McDonalds on Westow Hill, Crystal Palace were etched. They have since been replaced.
10/02/88: A concrete block was thrown through a butcher's window in Barking. Slogans such as "Butchers are Murderers", were also painted on the shop.

MANCHESTER
19/12/87: Incendiary devices ignited in the Kendal Milne store in Deansgate and caused £50,000 damage.
24/12/87: 4 butchers in Southbourne, Charminster, Boscombe and Kinson had their windows etched.

BUTCHER BOB IS TURNING TO GOD

BUTCHER Bob Murrant — a victim of loony animal rights libbers — is giving his business the chop . . . and has turned to God.

MIDDLESEX
Hillingdon & Uxbridge
12/11/87: Compressors at a butchers were sabotaged.
13/11/87: Butcher's locks glued.
25/11/87: Window and door at butchers smashed.
28/11/87: McDonald's main window in Uxbridge smashed.
29/11/87: A fishing club's car park gates were glued, and slogans were sprayed over a fence. The club sign was wrecked. A "Honey for Sale" sign was also wrecked.
02/12/87: A Happy Eater in Guillord had the toilets ballcock broken and the over-flow pipe blocked, resulting in flooding.
08/12/87: A rabbit was rescued from bad conditions at the back of a pet shop.
09/12/87: Butchers' windows were smashed in Hounslow, Chiswick, Brentford. Northolt and Boston Manor.

Butchers hit in an angry night of protest

ANIMAL rights fanatics bombarded butchers' shops with bricks and stones in a angry night of protest across the borough.

Youths in Hounslow used half bricks to smash the windows of three shops causing more than £1,500 of damage.

11/12/87: 6 windows were smashed at Brunel University Animal House. Locks were glued and slogands were sprayed. Approximately £1,200 damage caused.

AVON
Before Xmas: A butcher's van had its tyres slashed and locks glued, and butchers' shops locks were glued in Weston-Super-Mare.
07/01/88: 2 butchers' shops and a fishmongers had their locks glued.

BEDS & BUCKS
05/01/88: An incendiary device was left in Dickens & Jones in Milton Keynes. It didn't ignite.

DORSET
07/12/87: Radio Rentals in Boscombe covered in red paint because a free turkey was being given away with every rental.

ESSEX
28/01/88: Furrier, Anthony Rider, had red paint thrown over his front door and windows, in Upshire.

GLASGOW
Dec. 87: Fur shops were spray- painted.

HAMPSHIRE
09/01/88: Hampshire ALF attacked the homes of huntspeople in Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex.

HERTS
23/12/88: A turkey farm in Todds Green had two tractors damaged and slogans painted around the farm. (Stevenage).

KENT
31/12/87: A fur shop in Gravesend had its lock glued.
14/01/88: A hunt supporter's car had its tyres slashed, paintwork strippered and locks glued in Whitstable.
19/01/88: 4 butchers' windows were smashed and a fishmonger's lock glued in Whitstable.
21/01/88: Fishing tackle shop window smashed in Whitstable.
25/01/88: 2 butchers' shop windows smashed in Whitstable.
27/01/88: Butcher's window smashed in Whitstable.
Early Feb: 4 butchers and a leather goods shop had their windows smashed in Whitstable.
22/02/88: 100 rats were liberated from the London University's Bethlem Royal Psychiatric Hospital in Beckenham. Documents relating to electric shock and sleep deprivation experiments on monkeys and cats was also taken.

LANCASHIRE
03/02/88: A meat van was set on fire in Lancaster, causing £2,000 damage.

LIVERPOOL
19/12/87: Incendiary devices ignited in the drapery dept. of Lewis', causing £20,000 damage.
31/12/87: 5 windows of the McDonalds in Liverpool city centre were etched.
18/01/88: The window and a glass door of a Kentucky Fried Chicken take-away were smashed.
26/01/88: 4 butchers' shop had their locks glued.
02/02/88: The walls and shutters of Barays Furs were sprayed with slogans. All 4 locks on the shutters were glued up, during its third "Closing Down" sale.
09/02/88: A butcher's window was smashed.
10/02/88: Another butcher's window was smashed.

LONDON
Dec 87: 2 fur shops paintbombed in West End.
21/12/87: An incendiary device ignited in Harrods causing slight damage.
09/01/88: Windows at Debenhams were etched.

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24/12/87: 2 windows at Kentucky Fried Chicken were bricked in Uxbridge.
Brunel University Animal House had 3 more windows smashed. SS Meats main window smashed.

ANIMAL rights protesters have smashed windows and daubed paint on buildings at Brunel University, in protest at animal experiments.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said: "Four of our members attacked Brunel University animal house where experiments are carried out on rats and fish. We did not get into the building, but did a lot of damage outside.

"We wrote 'Belsen' outside, because it is like a concentration camp," he said.

The incident is the latest in a series of attacks by the Animal Liberation Front in the Uxbridge area.

The group has claimed responsibility for causing £1,000 worth of damage to a BMW sporting a Shooting and Conservation sticker, for smashing butchers' windows and harrassing a fur-cleaning business.

12/01/88: SS Meats main window etched. Bijou Furs in Uxbridge had red paint poured through their letterbox and 5 windows etched.
02/02/88: Bijou Furs in Uxbridge had red paint poured through its letterboxand its windows etched.

WEST MIDLANDS
Mid-November 87: 9 butchers' windows smashed in Smethwick, Birmingham, and 1 in West Brom.
17/12/87: Butchers in Quinton, Birmingham and Halesowen had all their windows and doors smashed
12/01/88: Butchers in Quinton and Brierley Hill had their windows smashed.

OXON
15/12/87: Butcher's shop in Kidlington had its window etched.
18/12/87: The "Horse Lovers Action Group" poured paintstripper over lorries owned by a slaughter-house in Benson.
18/12/87: R. Moore (butchers) in N. Oxford had slogans painted and locks glued 4 times in a week

Animal lib group blamed for raids

ANIMAL rights activists are believed to be terrorising a North Oxford butcher.

The shop, R Moore, in Walton Street has been attacked four times this week, with slogans painted in red on the windows and superglue in the door lock.

Police are also investigating an attack on a butcher shop in Kidlington on Tuesday.

Slogans were burnt into the glass of G. J. Cooper in The Parade, causing £700 worth of damage.

22/02/88: An incendiary device ignited at a timber yard that makes broiler units for factory farms, - causing £100,000 damage.

SURREY
15/12/87: Slogans were daubed over a huntsman's house in Vaddon. Also 3 cars were paintstrippered.

TYNESIDE
29/01/88: Two butchers' windows were smashed in Sunderland.
30/01/88: Cambells King Burger opened for business and had its window smashed the same night in Sunderland.

WALES
19/12/87: Incendiary devices ignited in Howell's of Cardiff, causing minor damage.

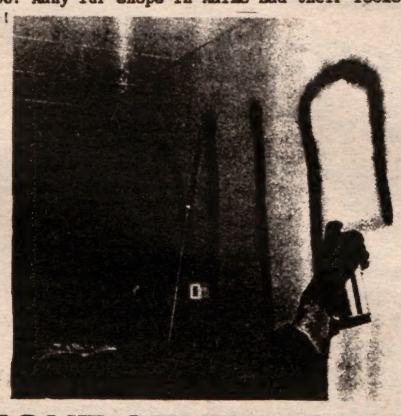
YORKSHIRE
17/02/88: Bradford ALF smashed two butchers' windows.

EIRE
18/12/87: Butcher's window smashed in Cork City.
22/12/87: Butchers' sprayed with slogans.
05/01/88: 2 butchers' locks glued and sprayed with slogans.

ITALY
1-11/11/87: 20 fur and leather coats were damaged by battery acid in Padua. Slogans were daubed on walls in a shopping area with many fur and leather shops.
19/12/87: A new ALF group glued up 50 furriers shop locks in Milan, causing 10 million lire damage (£5,000).
25-26/12/87: A fur coat was damaged with battery acid causing £3,000 damage. Another fur coat worth £3,000 was stolen from a restaurant and destroyed in Vicenza. Similar incidents took place in Verona.
16/01/88: 32 fur shops, 14 gun shops and 34 hunting & fishing shops had their locks glued in Milan.

JAPAN
Japan saw its first ever ALF action when dogs were rescued from a car.

SWEDEN
Nov. 87: A magpie trap was destroyed in NE Malmo.
01/01/88: A polecat was released from a trap in NE Malmo.
03/01/88: Many fur shops in Malmo had their locks glued.



Barrie, Ont.
Jan. 17, 1987: Dyck's Meat Market was attacked twice with firebombs, causing over $1,000 damage.
Kitchener, Ont.
May 19, 1987: Kaufman Furs, Kosky Furs, and Brodey-Draimin Furs were spray painted.

Montreal, Quebec
Feb. 26, & March 8, 1987: Delicatessans and butcher shops on Boul. St. Laurent were spraypainted.
March 16, 1987: These shops again attacked with super glue in the locks and posters saying 'La viande est le meurtre - meat is murder' were put on the windows.
April 2, 1987: Brick through the window of one of the most 'visually horrifying' of these shops.

Toronto, Ont. 1987
Jan. 11: Property of Carne Equina horse killers, on St. Claren's Rd. was attacked with spray paint and bricks through the windows, causing $3,000 damage.
Jan. 16: Carne horse killers attacked again, causing $3,000 damage. Kentucky Fried Chicken on Mt. Pleasant Rd. given the same treatment, $1,000 damage.
Jan. 18: The following properties were attacked: Cross Town Foods spraypainted and had windows smashed; A. Stork and Sons had trucks painted and tires slashed; Gross Slaughterhouse painted and tires slashed; Kentucky Fried Chicken spraypainted (Mt. Pleasant Rd.). Total damage $6,000 approx. It was outside this KFC on this date that the five activists were arrested.

AUSTRALIA 1987
Jan. 11, Melbourne: 52 mice and 2 rabbits were rescued from the Melbourne University's Microbiology building, by AFA. The mice were being used in 'eye bleeding' experiments. $2,000 damage was also caused to lab equipment.
March 18, Melbourne: 16 chickens were liberated from the Kambouris Poultry Farm by Action For Animals. 200 eggs were smashed and walls spraypainted. Three activists were arrested in connection to this raid.
Mid-May, Tasmania: 2 fur and leather shop windows spray painted with "Animals Suffer for Human Vanity" and "Animals Suffer for Human Greed".
June 15, Melbourne: Montreal Furs had a window smashed, and a butcher next door had its locks glued.
June 17, Tasmania: Spray paint campaign with slogans on blank walls in busy areas, on a fur store, and on a perfume and cosmetic store.
July 16, Melbourne: 2 fur stores had "scum" daubed on their windows with etching cream, as well as a meat shop. All had locks glued.
July 26, Melbourne: 2 fur stores, a butcher, and a Kentucky Fried Chicken shop had their windows damaged with etching cream, and all locks were glued.
Aug. 5, Melbourne: A 6-tonne truck that delivers slaughtered chickens had its locks glued, sand put into the gas tank and cooling system, wind shield screen etched, a front tire slashed, and "death truck" spray painted.
Late Aug., Melbourne: 2 battery hens were liberated from a factory farm by Action For Animals, and are now in safe homes.

NEW ZEALAND 1986
Dec. 3, Lower Hutt: $60,000 damage was done to 2 meat trucks that were set alight, claimed by the ALF.
Dec. 12: A fire was set at a Hopuhopu piggery, and the building was gutted.
Dec. 26, Greenlane: A suspected bomb was discovered near an animal laboratory in Auckland's Greenlane Hospital, claimed by the ALF. It was blown up by explosives experts.

1987
May 3, Greenlane: Greenlane Hospital's animal laboratories were firebombed, claimed by the ALF. "ALF" was spray painted on a wall, and this action followed a raid a week earlier.
May 5: Windows were smashed at the Karori Park Butchery Deli and Wadestown Butchery.

1988
Feb. 21, Miramar: 4 butcher shop windows were smashed including one in Kilbirnie and one in Newlands.

Netherlands
1986
April 24: The Animal Liberation Front liberated 100 rats and mice for World Day for Lab Animals, from a breeding farm belonging to Central Animals Lab of the Catholic University.
July 8, Scherpenzeel: The ALF freed 30 pigs from a breeding facility. This particular breeding station was an experimental one, so pigs there were to be experimented on as well as sent to the slaugterhouses. The company that was hit - Esvoor - markets the battery cages the pigs were in.
Nov. 8, Arnhem: The ALF freed about 65 deer from the wild-concentration camp of the Van der Valk concern. The deer were driven to another estate. In a letter to the counsellors, the ALF requested asylum for the deer.

Sweden
1986
Nov. 18, Forsheda: Hundreds of foxes (silver and blue) were released into the forests from a fur farm.
Nov. 19, Malmo: 54 guinea pigs were rescued from a train at Malmo Central Stn.

1987
Feb. 26, Helsingborg: 15 dogs were rescued from a lab breeding farm.
April 22, Veberod: 16 crows and 4 rooks were released from a crowtrap in S. Sweden.
June 16, Stockholm: Windows were smashed at McDonald's and paint thrown in.
Sept. 10, Malmo: 39 guinea pigs were liberated from a goods train at Malmo Central Stn., on their way to a lab in Stockholm.
Sept. 22, Stockholm: 8 rabbits were rescued from the Institute of Zoology.
Sept. 26, Malmo/Lund: Swedish ALF raided a vivisection lab in Malmo, and while they were using a welding unit to get through a fire-proof door, a fire alarm went off and they had to leave. They then went to the University of Lund and rescued 8 rabbits from a lab there.
Oct. 6, Lund: A monkey (Saimiri Sciureus) was liberated from the Institute of Hygene and is now in a good home.

West Germany
1986
Sept. 19, Frankfurt: 2000 mink and some polecats were released from a fur farm in the village of Aurigen.
Sept. 21, Bavaria: 300 coypu were released from a fur farm.
1987
March 14, Karlsruhe: 25 cats and 2 dogs were liberated from a research lab at Karlsruhe University.
April 4, Bochum: 16 rabbits, 70 guinea pigs, 1 pregnant cat, 1 pregnant beagle and 3 beagle puppies were rescued from an animal dealer.
May 6, Dusseldorf: 70 beagles and 400 rats were rescued from Dusseldorf University. Files of information on the animal experiments carried out at the University were also taken, along with corpses of animals that had been experimented on and were found in a fridge. The corpses were displayed to the public in front of the Cologne Cathedral on May 7th.
June 11, Heidleberg: 3 beagles were liberated from a lab at Heidleberg University.
June 13, Bonn: Members of Animal Peace raided the Pathological Institute at Bonn University, liberating 180 rats.
June 21-28: A number of shooting stands were sawn down.
Aug. 22, Bochum: 120 guinea pigs, 60 rats and 6 rabbits were liberated from Bochum University. The rabbits were reported to be valued at $50,000 each(!).

France
1986
April: A pig slaughterhouse was set on fire. An inflammable mixture was put into the anaesthesia machine and put in an electric igniting system, attached to a roll of electrical wire which was rolled outside. The French press totally suppressed news of the action, apparently due to the desires of the slaughterhouse owner.
Oct., Toulouse: A car belonging to a bullfight fanatic was totally destroyed by fire.
1987
March 13, Toulouse: A slaughterhouse was attacked, and two truck front windows were smashed.
March 14, Toulouse: Two more trucks damaged at Toulouse's slaughterhouse. 4 butchers had their windows smashed in the town centre.
April 8, Paris: The front window to a meat van was smashed in a southern suburb.

Denmark
March 11, 1987, Copenhagen: Fur shops damaged.

THREE ACTIVISTS ARRESTED IN AUSTRALIA

On the 20th March, 1987, Gary Rowson, Iain Banfield and Matthew Layton were arrested in their homes in connection with an Action For Animal's raid on the Kambouris Poultry Farm, when 16 battery hens were rescued and 200 eggs were smashed. The three men face over 40 charges, including: trespassing, theft (stealing 16 laying hens), criminal damage, and having in possession items for the purpose of damaging property. Gary and Iain were also charged with $6,000 damage done to Stephen Dattners Furs earlier in the year, and Iain was charged with having in his possession "items known to be compounds of an improvised explosive device".

The police anti-terrorist squad conducted a raid on the houses where the three men live, arresting them and ransacking their rooms. The filth seized anything relating to animal rights, as well as numerous other things. Each of the men were given bail on $10,000 surety each, and they had to surrender their passports and report 3 times a week to a police station. Needless to say, they were not supplied with vegan food during their pre-bail incarceration.

Their pre-trial was initially scheduled to start on Oct. 12, 1987, but because of the huge number of exhibits (540!) it was reset for March 21, 1988!! Fortunately, they have been able to obtain legal aid, but it will still end up costing them quite a lot of money (about $600 each). They have managed to get their reporting conditions dropped, and Gary has been allowed to go to England, although he has to hand over his passport when he returns to Australia. A conspiracy charge has also been added.

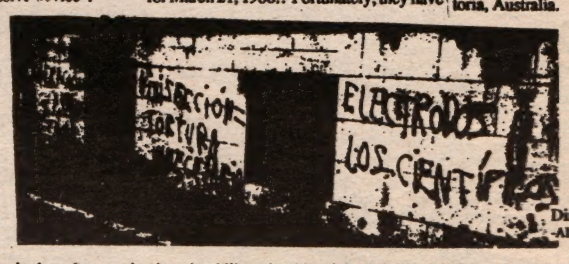
At their court hearings, police say that there has been over $1 million worth of damage caused by militant animal liberation activists over the past two years.

Supporters' Group for Animal Activists, P.O.Box 519, Eltham, 3095 Victoria, Australia.

LIGHT SENTENCES FOR GERMAN LIBERATORS

The trial of 10 German animal liberation activists, accused of forming a criminal association, attempted arson and of various animal liberation raids, ended with light sentences at the court in Flensburg on May 14, 1987. The accused, aged between 20 and 60, pleaded guilty to liberating a total of 485 animals from various labs. They were allowed to show the film "Pennsylvania Primates" in the open court, and the judge later referred to the "terrible experiments" in the film which "get under the skin of any person and compel him to give thought to these things."

In his summing-up, the judge stated that he had been impressed by the high motives of the animal liberators, who "had been driven by animal experiments into taking illegal action" and "had wanted to help the animals and free them from their tormentors." After announcing sentences varying from small fines to probationary periods of between 7 and 12 months, the judge ended the trial by urging the accused to "continue fighting for tortured animals, but by legal means."



Direct action in Spain
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ALF TORONTO PRESS RELEASE

Sometime in September a small group of friends who have been active in animal liberation have joined together in Toronto as an ALF cell. We carry out actions against McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Harvey's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, as well as various butchers, furriers, and slaughterhouses.

The actions are either spraypainting the buildings and property or smashing windows or both. We try to get together at least once a week and we have averaged lately anywhere from five to twelve targets in one night. Compared to England's average of 40 actions per week, we feel pretty good about our efforts. We will try to keep the various media updated on our actions.

In the early morning of November 5th we attacked 2 McDonald's, a Burgerking, a Kentucky Fried Chicken and a butcher. The week prior we hit a total of 12 targets - our largest yet in a single night! Most of these included window smashing with either the use of rocks or a slingshot.

We don't plan to stop with these small actions (or what some would consider as small), but plan to increase and broaden our range of both targets and tactics. Patience, time and practice are all it takes!

-(Another) ALF Toronto Cell

Secret strategy devised to deal with animal rights vandalism

By Betty Barnacle
Mercury News Staff Writer

Federal, state and local officials have developed a secret plan to combat the violence of animal rights activists who have targeted several businesses in the San Jose area in the past year.

Investigators came up with the plan at a meeting last week called by San Jose arson officials, who are trying to solve arson fires at two San Jose meat plants in the past year.

Just two days before the meeting, three butcher shops and a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in the Willow Glen neighborhood were vandalized by animal rights activists. The vandals left the words "Butchers are scum," "Murderers" and "ALF" — believed to stand for the Animal Liberation Front — scrawled in red paint and etched in acid outside the businesses.

The decisions reached at the Nov. 1 meeting will be kept secret because "we don't want these terrorist groups reading what we're going to do in the newspaper," said San Jose arson investigator Jim Rafferty.

Law enforcement agencies

But he did say representatives of the FBI, California Department of Justice, state fire marshal, San Jose and Santa Clara police and San Jose fire departments traded information, ideas and names of possible suspects who have set fires, stolen livestock and spray-painted graffiti throughout California, especially in Santa Clara County.

Rafferty said his office called for the brainstorming session in response to the two arson fires, which resulted in nearly a half-million dollars in damage.

The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for a $230,000 blaze that destroyed a cattle feed barn at the Ferrara meatpacking plant, 225 E. Trimble Road, last Thanksgiving Day. Another fire gutted the Sun Valley Meat Co., 760 S. First St., on June 4.

Two firefighters were injured in the Thanksgiving blaze, which Rafferty said contradicts activists' claims that their movement doesn't hurt anyone.

Margo Tannenbaum of San Bernardino, a spokeswoman for the Animal Liberation Front, or ALF, admitted earlier this year that the organization had scrawled slogans in spray paint and acid on the Sun Valley plant before the June 4 fire, but she denied that the group torched the business.

Butcher shops vandalized

She also acknowledged at the time that the group had vandalized four San Jose area butcher shops. Two of those shops were among the targets of the recent spate of vandalism in Willow Glen, but Tannenbaum said last week that no one from ALF had contacted her to take credit.

However, when she learned that the letters "ALF" were sprayed on the shops' windows, doors and sidewalks, she said, "It sounds like them. I really can't say for sure because I think I would have heard from them.

"The group recently said it would increase its activity. But more in the way of liberation (freeing animals waiting to be slaughtered.)"

James Heath is positive ALF is responsible for the estimated $3,000 in damage he found on Oct. 30 when he went to open up his shop, Ernie the Butcher, at 1401 S. Bascom Ave. He said he faced almost the same nightmare in June, when vandals first hit his shop. In both instances, "ALF" was scrawled across his walls, but this time the vandals also slashed the tires on his van and ruined the vehicle's new paint job with acid.

"It's been quite brutal, and it's hard to stay open," Heath said last week, still cleaning up the mess. "I wish they'd pick on the bigger guys. I've got a family to feed."

Painted slogans

Police said Ernie the Butcher was one of four establishments within 1.5 miles of each other that were vandalized. Slogans were painted and etched in acid outside Valley Farm Meats, 545 Meridian Ave. Large steel ball bearings, apparently hurled by slingshot from a passing car, shattered windows at Ernie the Butcher, Willow Glen Meats at 1185 Lincoln Ave. and the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet at 983 Meridian Ave.

It was the first such incident at the fast-food restaurant, investigators said. But because of the night's string of vandalisms in the neighborhood, and the fact that Ernie the Butcher and Willow Glen Meats were ALF targets in June, police linked the window breaking to animal rights activists.

The investigators' meeting coincidentally occurred the same day that a Marin County veterinarian and animal rights activist was arrested in Santa Clara for disrupting an Optical Society of America award ceremony for Dr. Russell DeValois, a University of California, Berkeley researcher who uses animals in research on color blindness in humans.

The veterinarian, Dr. Elliot Martin Katz, 54, also is president of In Defense of Animals, but he denied his group had anything to do with the recent vandalism. However, he said he could understand the violence of other activists, even if he doesn't practice it.

"They do it out of desperation," he said. "They're driven to break the law because of things like the optical society's irresponsible actions honoring DeValois. People get so angry."

15 March, 1984 — Rennes, France: Animal rights activists, going under the name of 'Commando Fourpaws,' carried out an attack against a man who supplies dogs for torture in laboratories. The seven-strong team waited on a country road just outside Rennes and waved down a van driven by Jean Ramage, which was en route to a laboratory. The 55-year-old animal supplier was held down, tied up, had his hair cut off and his face was then daubed with indelible red paint.

— From an "Action Report" by the Animal Liberation Front.

ANTI-ANGLING fanatics set up a deadly firebomb inside the car of a top Merseyside fisherman.

They placed petrol containers and firelighters in the angler's Land-Rover and set them alight.

Then the attackers painted a chilling message on the front door of the man's house nearby. It read: "L.A.C.S. — fish feel pain too."

By Bob Burns
crime reporter

The bomb was spotted by a neighbour, who alerted firemen and police minutes before it exploded.

Today, as detectives try to catch the gang responsible, organisers of Britain's biggest participant sport, issued a general warning to all anglers.

They have issued an appeal to be vigilant, claiming that hardliners have declared war against the sport in this area.

But organisers of the League Against Cruel Sports — presumably the initials of which were daubed in white paint on the victim's front door — have rejected claims that their members were involved.

Spokesman John Bryant said that L.A.C.S. was only involved in protesting against blood-sports — and then only through political lobbying and public persuasion.

He said: "We have members who are anglers themselves."

Infected cats are taken from lab

By Victoria Dawson
Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A[nim]al rights activists cut throu[gh] ... fence, smashed sev... 27 cats from ... ent resea... d.

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Animal rights militants elude legal pursuers

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Members of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) said Friday that "researcher paranoia" led to an over-reaction Wednesday to their planting of phony "time bombs" at the homes of two primate center researchers of the University of California at Davis.

Group says it snatched 115 rabbits

By CASSIE ...
Staff W...

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Vandals strike homes of 3 elephant trainers

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A radical animal-rights group claimed responsibility Friday for defacing the homes and cars of three trainers involved in the disciplinary beating of ... elephant.

The trainers, all employe[es of] the San Diego Zoological So[ciety] were described as being upse[t and] shaken by the vandalism, ... occurred late Thursday nig[ht or] early Friday morning, San ... Zoo spokeswoman Martha ... said.

"We are outraged that th... tims and their families have ... terrorized in such a manner, ... Doug Myers, executive direc[tor of] the society, which operates t... and affiliated ...

chemicals.

Burnet added that she is no[t a] member of the group, but said s[he] supports its action. She also sa[id] she didn't know who called ... with details of the incidents.

Two of the trainers live in Esc...

Animal rights group raids 'death camp' turkey farms

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — An animal rights group inflicted an estimated $12,000 in property damage at two ranches near Sacramento during pre-dawn raids yesterday, aimed at exposing the plight of turkeys at Thanksgiving and sparing ...

damage to buildings and equi[pment] would slow the "tortur[e] and murder" of turkeys, bu[t] ranch owners said work woul[d] continue at a virtually norm[al] pace.

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Two black bears captured after vandals spring them from cage

Bee Metro Staff

Two black bears raised in captivity got a taste of freedom early Wednesday when vandals briefly let them out of their Roseville Zoo cage.

The pair had wandered less than 150 feet from the zoo when they were surrounded by police and animal control officers. In lifelong captivity, the bears "were not exposed to the wild, so this was a new activity for them," said Marilyn Bartell, Roseville public information officer.

Authorities had been alerted by a 5 a.m. phone call from a jogger. Bartell said about five Roseville animal control officers and five police officers went to the zoo in Royer Park to return the male and female bears to their cage.

The 275-pound female willingly returned to its wire cage, but the 375-pound male had to be tranquilized, animal control officer George McMindes reported.

By Wednesday afternoon the damaged lock on the cage had been repaired, Bartell said. Police said they have no suspects in the case.

The 52-year-old zoo is also home to a porcupine, monkeys, peacocks, ducks and birds.

CSUS lab burglarized

Pro-animal group 'liberates' rats

By Marian Darmsted
Bee Staff Writer

A "secret and clandestine" animal rights group has claimed res[pon]sibility for the theft of 22 laboratory rats from the psychology dep[art]ment at California State University, Sacramento, early Wednes[day] morning.

Leaflets found in the empty rat cages stated, "The animal previ[ous]ly occupying this cage has been liberated from confinement and [tor]ture by the Animal Liberation Front because the animal is an ... inherent worth, value and self-intere[st] ...

... covered the rats were missing when ... nimal colony to feed them, said J... an in the psychology department. ... d in red on a wall of the laboratory. ... Carl Perry said his office is treating ... h the intent to steal," Perry said. ... investigation."

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ALF: Pro-animal terrorists or freedom fighters?

By Eric Brazil
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

The $3.5 million torching of a UC-Davis veterinary laboratory signifies a tactical shift and an escalation of the Animal Liberation Front's campaign to halt scientific research on animals.

It "has really been forced on the ALF because of the lack of substantive change through more legitimate avenues for social progress," said Holly Jensen, a Gainesville, Fla., registered nurse who is the organization's spokeswoman.

The fire that was set April 16 at the unfinished lab was a preventive strike, "destroying a concentration camp before the inmates get there," Jensen said.

Before the Davis fire, the radical underground group had focused on animal "rescue" and operations aimed at exposing scientific malpractice.

Stronger medicine was called for, Jensen said, because "the research community has remained immune" to exhortations to reform or give up its animal experimentation practices.

"This was an attempt to impact the research community in that area they care most about, the financial," she said.

Law enforcement, the University of California and some animal-rights activists regard ALF apologetics as crackpot rhetoric and its members as criminals.

But the group has many defenders and sympathizers among the 75 or so organizations that concern themselves with animal welfare.

"It's a criminal extremist group. It is willing to commit crimes in the furtherance of its beliefs or philosophy," said Jerry Marynik, supervisor of the state Department of Justice's terrorism section. Marynik lumps the ALF with the white extremist Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nation, with the distinction that it has not yet "directed violence against people."

The FBI has joined the laboratory arson investigation on what UC-Davis police Lt. William Essex called "an open terrorism charge."

The ALF "is opposed to suffering and to the whole idea of terrorism," said Ingrid ...

'Time bombs' are just fakes

Animal rights advocates claimed responsibility for the two bogus "time bombs" found Wednesday near residences of officials of a University of California primate research center.

Bomb experts called to investigate found that boxes discovered in Davis and Winters contained ticking clocks, wadded newspaper and a book by philosopher Peter Singer, "Animal Liberation."

One was found near the Davis apartment of Charles Cornelius, director of the California Primate Reseach Center. The second was found ... Winters, near the residence of Andrew Hen... the center.

advocates who say that experiments conducted at the center are cruel to animals.

A coalition of animals rights groups conducted a 33-hour vigil at the center this spring and burned effigies of the researchers.

The ALF has claimed responsibility for "liberating" 23 laboratory rats from Sacramento State University in April and similar actions at UCLA, Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania.

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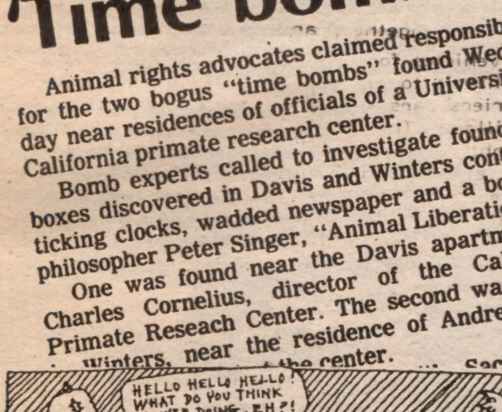

Vandals free vultures, halt chemical research

■ DAVIS, Calif.

Vandals who broke into a research center at the University of California at Davis and set five turkey vultures free ruined two years of study on the effect that a rodent-killing chemical has on birds, scientists reported.

A note left behind at the Raptor Center was signed "ALF," the initials of the militant Animal Liberation Front.

Special to The ...

Animal Liberation Front activists raid the psychology lab at California State University, Sacramento. This documentary pho[to] was provided by the organization.

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ALF – the way we were

This article discusses ideas that could be adopted by a local animal liberation group, it is based on personal experience of several ALF groups operating in the South of England between 1982 and 1984. We did for a while perfect a system where we could move from seeing to raiding an an animal abuse centre in a matter of 48 hours; the number of animals we rescued ran into several thousands—with a record of 250 on one night from a vivisection dealer. We raided everything from schools which bred animals for dissection, up to major laboratories where there was 24-hour security and intricate alarm systems, although the majority of our actions were against factory farms and vivisection breeders.

We started out as a group of 4 people with one car. At our height there were as many as 50 active members split into several sub-groups, some of these sub groups are still active, although the majority of our members have now ceased to be active - the pressure of living under the continuous threat of possible arrest taking its toll on many of the more active members.

Finding people to work with is the hardest of all your tasks. At the minute we see a spate of people who have become involved in groups, who, when arrested, make statements incriminating themselves (let me mention here that no one has ever got off by making a statement); worse than this is the disturbing development of people making statements naming other activists and giving details of raids they have been involved with (in the criminal world this is known as 'grassing' or 'snitching').

In the prison cells some people make a belated and somewhat pathetic attempt to save their own skin by telling the police what they want to hear. But despite the police promises, grassing has never saved anyone's skin and when it comes to avoiding a beating in the cells, the police in general only use violence in interviews when they think it will get results. When people have been hit, and they begin to talk, the police are encouraged, while if they stay quiet 'Mr Nasty', is shepherded out of the interview room and 'Mr Nice'. apologises and appeals to you personally.

People who believe in what they are doing and recognise the personal risks they are taking in advance of their arrest will not grass. Those people who grass cannot really believe in what they are doing, otherwise they would have the confidence and the peace of mind to recognise that in a direct action campaign some arrests are inevitable, and although they are unlucky to be arrested at that particular time, the struggle will go on. Their role once arrested is to ensure that nothing they say or do impairs the struggle.

It is very important that the calibre of people is high and that you never work on a job you are not happy about. In a group you need some solid un-shakeable characters, young people without much insight are not a good idea. Look for commonsense, people not prone to showing off, no big ego's and no-one who boasts about what they've done or are about to do. The longer you know people the better and try never to ask someone to get involved unless you are confident that they are interested.

Finding a target: Your local animal rights group probably has a very good idea where the local labs, breeders, fur farms and battery units are, although unless you are already involved it is probably best to keep well clear of the local animal rights group; it is after all the first place the police will come looking for information on likely activists. Always study the location on the map and learn to recognise where you are in relation to roads, streams, footpaths, etc.

The first visit to a target should be during the day. Park well out of the way and aproach the target on foot. Try to get as close as possible, look for ways in and ways out, (not necessarily the same). Begin to develop your plan—where will you park? Which buildings will you enter? Which route will you take in? Where will your look-out be? Where will your break-in point be? (seldom the front door). Where is anybody likely to disturb you? Once you are back in the car, try and draw a sketch map immediately so that you remember everything.

After seeing the place close up it is a good idea to retire to a distance and study your ~~O.S.~~ map. Look for some ideal parking spots: in rural area s these will have to be off little-used country lanes, in the town it may well be in a housing estate. You may also decide that there are some convenient footpaths running around the back of the site, walk the length of these, but don't stay around the immediate area of the site for long enough to arouse suspicion.

Once you have seen all that you can during daylight, clear off and make a draft plan. Next, return at night, try out your route and find its weaknesses. Get as close to your target building as possible, ideally right up to the break-in point. Check the locks, doors and window fittings, look for signs of alarms, and general security.

Having surveyed the target area, make sure that your route in and out is as simple as possible, stick to hedges, count field boundaries, note the number of gates etc., anything that will make the route nice and easy. Try not to use wide open spaces as part of your route, hedges make you invisible in the dark. It is vital that you walk the route once at night before the job, as darkness is disorientating and places can look very different.

A good time to do a job is at new moon; if you live in the city you'd be surprised how much light is given out by the moon. Winter is ideal with its early dusks, late dawns, and cold, rainy, windy nights - no farmer is going to want to get out of bed at two in the morning just because he has heard a noise that could so easily have been the wind.

Once you are sure of the route, go there at the time and day of the week that you are planning to do the job, and do a complete walk-through. Park where you will be parking, walk the exact route and stay at the break-in point for as long as you need to be there on the night. If everything works out then you are onto the next stage.

Furs go in shop plea for peace

A TUNBRIDGE Wells shopkeeper, whose Pantiks premises have repeatedly been a target for the Animal Liberation Front, is giving up selling real furs.

Mr Peter Becker, owner of Pedersen and Becker Ltd., where ALF caused £2,000-worth of damage last month, said this week: "I have had enough. I simply cannot afford to be vandalised any more.

"But in any case, public opinion seems to be going against the idea of wearing fur so I have decided not to deal in it."

Mr Becker has written to ALF, at an address given by the RSPCA, and asked them: "Would you please put one of your group leaders in touch with me, as our fur shop has been the target, not only of demonstrations, but of violent attack.

GUARANTEE CALL

"If I am given guarantees from the ALF I would consider going over to artificial furs, but I do not wish to take this drastic step unless I am assured that the shop will be left in peace."

The letter was written a few days after Mr Becker's shop windows were smashed and damage caused to goods on display.

£1,000 damage at fur shop

VANDALS claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front caused damage estimated at £1,000 at a Derby furriers overnight.

A police patrol found two holes in front windows, believed to have been caused by air gun pellets, and the initials ALF were painted in red on the front door of George Rose Furriers, Green Lane.

Shops are target for 'hit squads'

WOMEN of the Animal Liberation Front have claimed responsibility for a wave of attacks on furriers' and butchers' shops.

Slogans were painted and locks glued-up in the raids which included five fur and sheepskin shops in Southport and four butchers in Netherton and Norris Green.

A spokesman for the group said they were pre-Christmas attacks to protest at the millions of turkeys that will be slaughtered during the season's festivities and the fur coats that will be bought as presents.

SAS-STYLE animal right protestors have threatened to burn down any shops or travel agency offices on Merseyside which sell tickets for travelling circuses.

In a series of dawn raids, members of the hard-line Animal Liberation Front smashed plate glass windows at travel agencies in Woolton, Garston and Hunts Cross.

It is the first phase in a new direct action plan to drive out Gandey's Circus, which is currently touring the region.

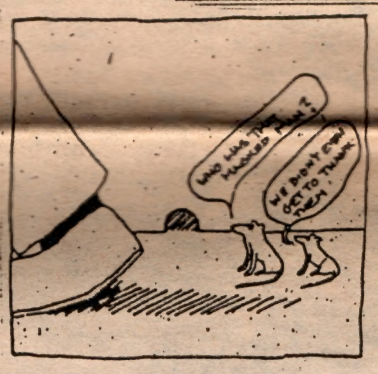
The ALF has around 50 members on Merseyside, and a spokesman said today that a small squad had now been organised to launch arson attacks on premises publicising the circus.

Shops hit by animal protest

by Chris Eakin

TRAVEL agents and shopkeepers are refusing to sell tickets for a travelling circus in Liverpool after animal rights protestors threatened to burn down their premises.

Early yesterday, a sledge hammer was used to smash plate glass windows at three travel agents advertising Gandey's Circus.



Native people, animal liberationists and anarchists have much in common. We have a common enemy, if we choose to recognize it; that being the profit-making, greedy capitalists, who will exploit everything and everyone if there's money to be made. We also have a common desire to save our planet. This entails many ideas, from stopping the military and government interference on the land to combatting destructive practices of the white race.

Many Native people are very opposed to vivisection, factory farming, fur farming, and other animal abuses, because the exploitation and torture of animals is not in balance with our life cycles. And most animal liberation activists are very supportive of Native struggles. In Toronto, animal liberation activists can always be seen at Lubicon support demonstrations, or rallies for Leonard Peltier for example. By the same token, more Native activists are purposely seeking out animal liberation activists and anarchists to form alliances with - because the strong possibility for unity is there.

These groups must find ways to work together, because we do have a common goal - the desire to bring a balance back into our lives on this planet, and to evolve toward a harmonious relationship with our Mother Earth.

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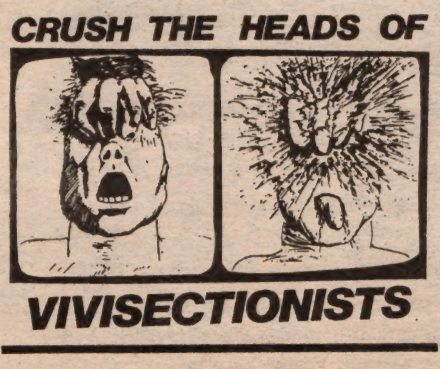


THE WAY WE WERE

It cannot be stated enough that unless there are clear and obvious advantages you should not take ALF actions during the day. Darkness, and knowledge of the area around the target will ensure your escape, on foot, however many police units arrive. In 1981 an ALF group was stranded in the fields surrounding a beagle breeders' at Ross-on-Wye, the police had swooped on their transport and arrested their back-up driver. The group, with beagles, were at one time just the other side of a hedge from parked police vehicles; the group escaped and got the beagles away by travelling as fast as possible, on foot, across country, eventually contacting a supporter who arranged transport for them to be picked up.

However wrong things go on the night, don't give up—a clear head, good planning and determination should give you the edge on the police.

Once your group has got off the ground you should develop a core of people responsible for tools, planning raids, the initial break-in, the look-outs, and the organisation of people and vehicles on the night. This group should enter the target area first, set up look-outs, check the area over, and when they are satisfied, break in and locate the animals. Only then should 'the carriers' be brought in; their job is to bag or box the animals quickly and quietly and then leave. If the target has no alarms and no-one on site the advance group could conceivably go in hours in advance and prepare everything so that the carriers and their vehicles are there for as short a time as possible.

One person should be responsible for collating all information on homes, so that when you find homes for fifty hens you do a battery unit, when it's thirty rabbits or ten dogs you do a breeder. In many ways the homing network needs to be bigger than the ALF group, ideally with 4 or 5 people who can take and disperse animals, re-homing them outside of the animal rights movement. It is this ability to disperse animals so that your homes are never used up that will permit you to become an efficient animal liberation group. In general those people involved in the homing network should not be in the ALF group as it would be a very damaging blow should those people be arrested. Only members of the core group of activists should have contact with the homing network.

Tools are a vital consideration. You will need two pairs of bolt-croppers and two crowbars (large and small), a pair of diamond-tipped glass cutters, a walkie-talkie and a rope. Have a proper tool-bag to carry them in, never touch them without wearing gloves, even when buying them, and always clean them between jobs. The blades on your bolt-cropper should be changed regularly - always after a lab job, and run a file over the end of your crowbars as they leave distinctive imprints on whatever they have jemmied open. The tools should always be kept at a safe house in between jobs. A safe house belongs to someone who is not in your group and is not going to come to the attention of the police.

When you plan a job, it is advisable to have a plan 'B', if things go wrong. Work out what you are going to do if you come across a guard or if the police arrive, which could be when you are going in, in the middle of a job, or on the way out with the animals. Whatever happens don't panic, it only wastes time. You should have worked out which way to run, and who should be with you. You should know what could go wrong with your plan and have an easy solution to it when it arises. When it comes to running away it is probably best to all leave the site together heading in the same direction to a pre-arranged rendezvous point 3 or 4 fields away; from then on it may be better if you split up and travel in groups of three or four in different directions.

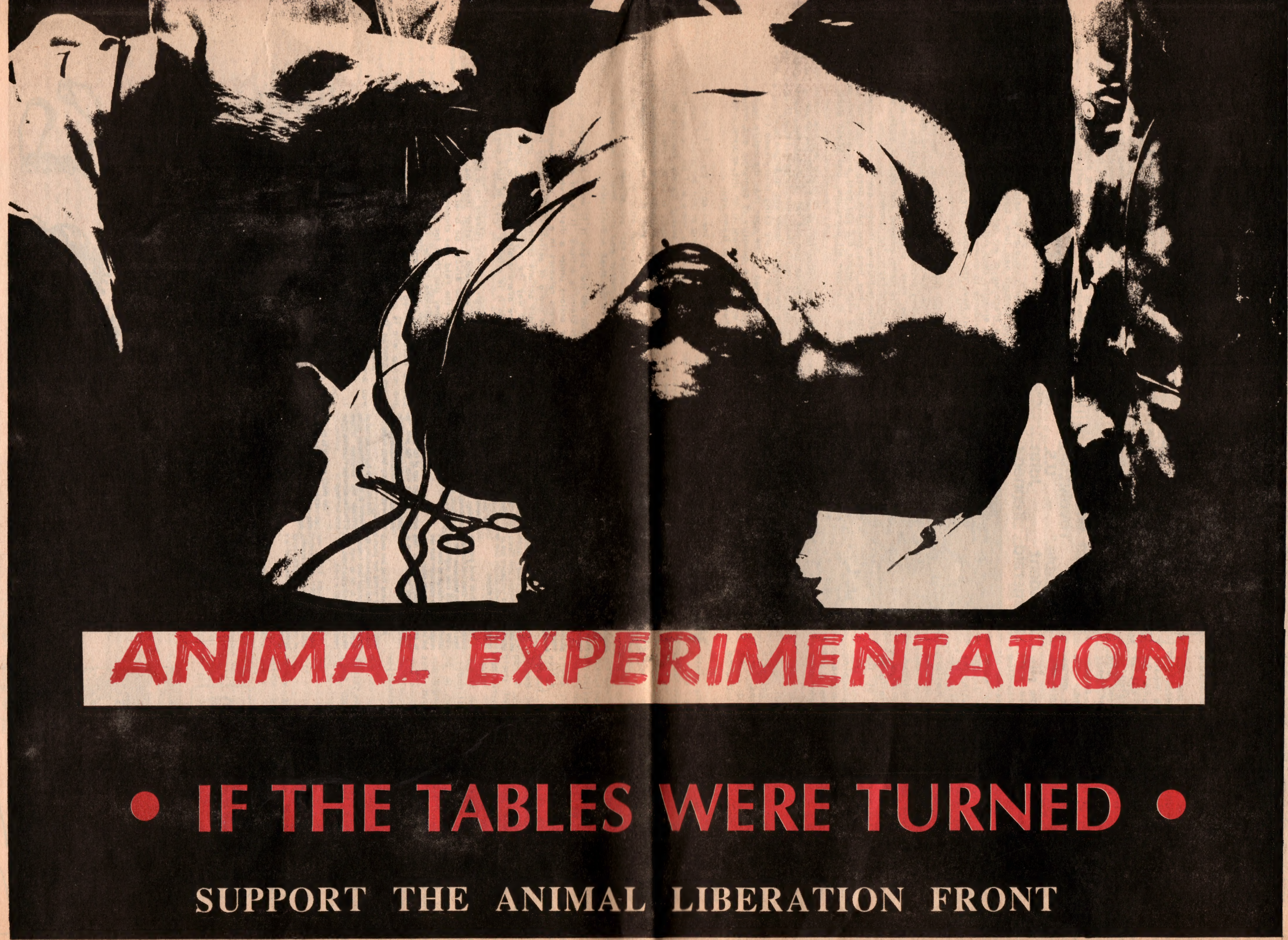
When doing a job you must have confidence in those who you are working with. When you appoint one or more look outs you must be sure that they know what they are doing, that they are not frightened, and that should anything go wrong they will be able to notify you of what is happening. Once you are inside a place, you should just get on with your job, looking over your shoulder only wastes time. Do not panic if the animals begin to make a lot of noise, this is not unusual. Chickens and rabbits make a lot of noise but beagles are notorious and can be heard for miles; always remember that you have a look out so get on with your job and the sooner you get out of the sheds the sooner the animals will quieten down.

If disturbed you should collect people and leave quickly, most people who discover you will be quite happy to frighten you off their property and then call the police. Unless you are confronted by a farmer who is literally shooting at you with his shotgun, you should not abandon anyone. Security guards are easier to deal with as the property is not theirs. Their job is not to be a hero but to phone the police, although any sign of weakness on your part may encourage them to grab hold of a tailender, so the rule is—don't panic, leave together, and leave quickly.

Parking a lot of vehicles for a raid can look suspicious, one way around this is to go out several hours earlier and park the carriers' cars in different streets in a nearby town or village. The whole of the carrying group can then be brought in by the vehicle which will leave with the animals, alternatively the carriers can come in. from different directions to a rendezvous point near the animal abuse centre and the animal transport only arriving when the group has got its hands on the animals—either arriving at a specific time, or being called up with a radio when the job is complete.

Whatever the plan always make sure that the animal van is the first away and has the safest route out of the area. It is important that if you decide to rescue animals you are prepared to to face a prison sentence - the animals must be protected and if that means a choice between you going to prison or the animals being taken back, then you must be prepared to face the consequences - one day you will be released, for the animals there is only one way out.

Although it is good to do jobs on home territory you should consider travelling out of your area on occasions, the further you travel, the less chance of the police guessing that it was your group. It is important not to get into a routine of doing jobs on the same night of the week in the same police district. It is only when the police recognise a pattern of jobs that they will have the opportunity to start fishing for you.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All Power Corrupts...

"And when two people are at one in their inmost hearts,
They shatter even the strength of iron or bronze"

The large sums of money held by national animals' rights groups are a cause of positive harm to the cause of animal liberation. These large sums are used to create well paid jobs and thus to start a continuing struggle to not only obtain these jobs but to hold on to them. This struggle becomes an end in itself and anyone who is seen as a threat to the status quo is vilified and isolated.

Paid staff, with free access to all the advantages of a well-equipped office, become a law unto themselves. The staff have the means to obtain the election of an amenable and unquestioning committee by the judicious use of the telephone. Thus power is concentrated in the hands of a few. With a secure job and power to manipulate the membership, thoughts will inevitably turn towards political power. How pleasant then, to have the time, the money and the transport (paid for by money given for animal liberation) to spend leisurely days at political gatherings.

As more and more time is spent on the political circuit and beanfeasts, extra paid staff are needed to take on the work of maintaining the power base and ensuring the election of ineffective committees. Thus the money spent on anything remotely connected with animal liberation declines in direct contrast with the increasing money spent on salaries, expenses and outings. Authoritarian political masters demand moderation from the national groups and so moderation becomes the order of the day. By now, the cause of animal liberation has become merely the ticket to obtain entrance and acceptance into the hallowed portals and the flattering attentions of the media.

Each year paperwork increases at an alarming rate as unnecessary reports and other bureaucratic rubbish is churned out by the paid staff to give the unquestioning, amenable committee members a sense of importance.

All national groups start off with good intentions but as income increases the rot sets in. Regionalisation of national groups only serves to increase the cancerous growth. As branches/groups become wealthy, they become carbon copies of the parent body.

Only revolutionary attitudes within the national animals' rights committees can bring benefit to the animals. Revolutionary attitudes mean national groups would have to reduce paid staff to an absolute minimum. All staff would have to be paid the same minimum wages on a yearly contract with no perks or expenses in order to attract dedicated workers with no time for in-fighting, power struggles, slanderous gossip or hierarchical structures. There would have to be no huge bank accounts and investments to be carried on year after year. All money given for animals in every year must be spent on animals and active groups all over the country must be funded and not starved of funds. There must be no political campaigning - individuals, if so minded, can join the political party of their choice and force through a change in attitudes towards animals from within the party. Certainly the much publicised RSPCA Action Group has shown no sign of having such attitudes. Their aims for the RSPCA would appear to be more of everything, more political campaigning, more staff, more in-fighting and less money for animal liberation.

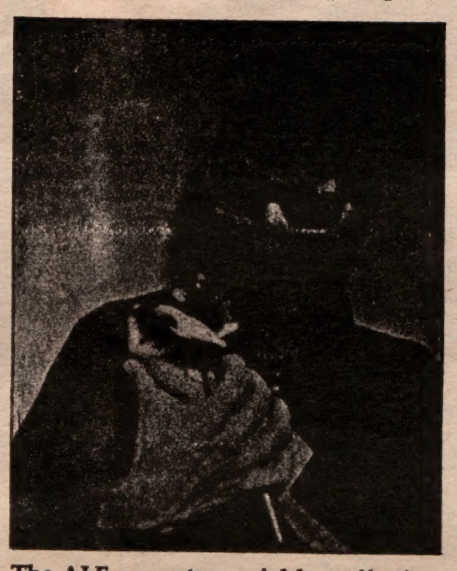
It is alleged that a cynical senior employee of a national group said:-

"I DO NOT FEAR ACTIVISTS OR PROGRESSIVES BEING ELECTED. GIVE THEM A YEAR AND THEY ALL FALL INTO LINE."

Such is the corruption of power.

Is not the cause of animals' rights worth single-minded, complete dedication and unity from ALL who profess to care?

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." - U.S. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy



The ALF — controversial but effective in directing public attention to animal abuses.

Woman Accused of Planting Bomb Says She Meant No Harm

Stamford Advocate

Stamford, Conn.

Animal rights advocate Fran Trutt said she never intended to kill the head of the U.S. Surgical Corp. when she planted a bomb outside the company's Norwalk, Conn., headquarters.

In an interview from prison, Trutt said she meant only to frighten company chairman Leon Hirsch into halting the company's use of live dogs to teach doctors how to employ surgical staples.

"It would have been purposeless to kill him," Trutt told the Stamford Advocate by telephone. "But to scare him at this time might have affected some change, as there are surgical supply companies that are not torturing dogs or other animals in any way, shape or form. And their products are working just as well for humans."

Police arrested Trutt last week after allegedly seeing her plant a remote-controlled bomb outside the company. Police said they believed Trutt planned to lie in wait for Hirsch and detonate the bomb as he passed on his way to work.

The 33-year-old Trutts, who lives in Queens, N.Y., was charged with attempted murder, possession of explosives and manufacturing bombs. If convicted, she could face life in prison.

In the interview, Trutt continually expressed her love for animals, particularly her own four dogs, and her revulsion toward the U.S. Surgical Corp. and its practice of experimenting with surgical stapling techniques on live dogs.

Trutt said she acted without the help of others in purchasing the bombs and a shotgun from a source she would not identify.

"No one else is involved," she said, referring to animal advocates. "I'm the only one."

Trutt, who has her own cell, said she is being treated well by fellow inmates, but she longs to see her dogs. She complained that other prisoners are allowed to see friends and loved ones, but she is not permitted to see her animals.

"I love my dogs as much, if not more so than any of the humans I have contact with," she said. "Inmates have rights. I essentially have no rights. There's no reason I should not be able to say hello to my babies."

She called on fellow animal advocates to begin petitioning prison officials and Governor William O'Neill to allow her visitation rights with her dogs.

"The public is going to have to push very hard in order for me to be able to communicate with (my dogs)," Trutt said.

"Being able to see them is the most important thing in my life," she said. "I have four dogs who I love more than anything else in the world."

THE WAY WE WERE

Clothing is a very important consideration as police forensic science is now very advanced and can identify clothing, hairs, foot-prints, tools, paint etc. In one criminal case forensic scientists proved that a discarded shoe was responsible for a foot print at the scene of the crime, they then managed to identify fibres inside the shoe as consistant with the fibre of thirteen different pairs of the defendant's socks. The police have access to highly sophisticated techniques, in practise these will only be used once they are convinced that you are the culprit, and they can then justify the enormous expenditure which is not acceptable for routine testing.

Wearing boiler suits can be a good idea as they cover your clothes, you can wear your party clothes underneath; when you reach your transport on your way home you can strip off the boiler suits, straighten your hair and look very presentable should you be stopped by the police. This works even better if you have a mixture of girls and boys in the car, then if you are randomly stopped by the police you can have a story to bluff them with, you could have been to a party, a wedding, etc. It is a good idea to have rehearsed false names, although this is complicated for your drivers if the vehicle is registered in their own name. It is a good idea to wear socks over your shoes, this prevents tell-tale foot-prints being left in soft soil, and ensures that when you get back to your car your shoes won't be covered in mud. Always wear gloves, and never believe that quick wipe with a damp cloth will remove your fingerprints.

Within a direct action campaign arrests are ultimately inevitable, either through bad luck, bad planning, good police work, a frame-up or an act of god. The fact that you have been arrested does not necessarily mean that they have enough evidence to charge you, and if you are charged you will have the opportunity in court to give your defence.

In the police station there is only one rule, 'Never Make A Statement'. In the war soldiers were instructed that should they be taken prisoner they should tell their captors their name, rank, and serial number; in the animal rights movement it is name, address and date of birth, beyond that you should reply 'no comment'.

Other interrogation techniques involve asking you what you had for breakfast, how long you have been a vegetarian, who do you live with, where did you meet and who planned the raid. Refuse to answer all questions, and NEVER MAKE A STATEMENT.

Other more interesting police tactics are when the police bring an item of evidence into the cell and tell you to pick it up with the obvious result that your fingerprint will be left on it, (it is particularly important to be wary of handling match boxes if you are being interviewed for arson). It has happened in the past that the police have walked into a cell with a quantity of cannabis and explained how easy it would be to plant it on the accused - so demonstrating their ability to frame you.

Sooner or later the police will inevitably try to frighten you, with their forecast of a long prison sentence if you don't help them, and eventually there will be the threat of physical attack. The physical assault rarely amounts to more than a bit of pushing around. It is designed to show you that they are losing their patience and demonstrate that they can do what they like to you. It is very unwise to attempt to retaliate against your attacker. If you are more seriously beaten in a police cell you should roll into a ball with your back to a corner and your head tucked well down into your chest. NEVER MAKE A STATEMENT.

When and if you use the press it is worth considering your policy towards claiming actions. It is not a good idea to claim all your actions under a distinctive name, or to organise your press releases in a way which identifies the actions with one group of activists, this merely helps the police to put those actions together and start drawing a pattern about the way the group works. In general the national press are overwhelmingly hostile to animal liberation groups and so it is often a waste of time dealing with them.

If you phone through a press release to a paper they may well record it, if you send a letter they may well give the letter to the police so always be brief. You should explain why the target of the raid was chosen, how many animals they use, what they use them for and if possible provide a photo of the conditions inside. If you do supply a photo then remember it will be sent to the police as soon as the papers have finished with it. Unless you have a member of the group who is prepared to train themselves in the use of video cameras there is little point in attempting to use them on a raid. They are cumbersome and unless you know what you are doing the results will be unusable.

It is probably unwise to build up a trusting relationship with the local press, or with a particular reporter, second-rate reporters would claim to support anyone to get a story. You should always consider the implications should this 'trusted' reporter tell the police all they knew.

What you have read in this article is a summary of the ideas used by our group, they illustrate the way in which we worked. If nothing else we proved that with hard work, commonsense, a passion for animal rights and the initial advantage of being unknown to the police, it is possible for a relatively small group of people to launch a campaign as we did which not only saves hundreds-and if you are lucky thousands-of lives, but can cause serious disruption to sections of the animal abuse industries.

Fun! Paint Grenades
Made from finest quality thin glass spheres, filled with paint and sealed with wax. Your choice of colors.
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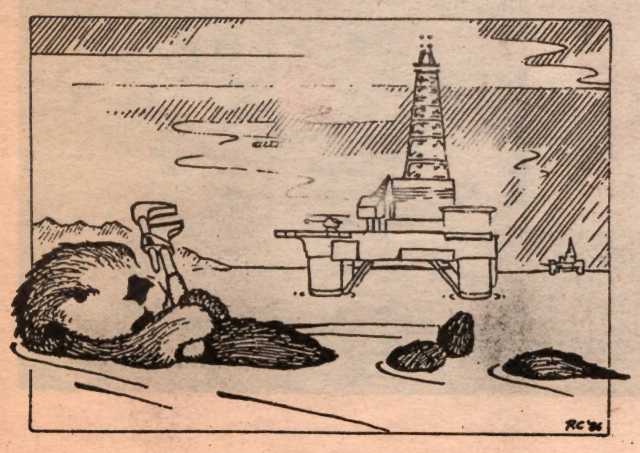

Make Your Own Billboard Corrector
Allows you to spray paint over your head without a ladder! Do it yourself kit, easy to follow instructions.
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Extra-Strength Pane Killer
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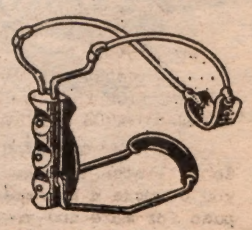


The recent campaign by the ARM certainly caused a stir and got animal rights back into the media.The targets are notorious for their evil,sadistic practices,and until they are stopped,the animals unlucky enough to be their victims will go on suffering terror and agony.If they were known to be vivisecting people,there would be a public outcry to bring back hanging for the evil tormenters.However,animal abuse is in many ways acceptable in our society.This is not because they don't suffer,there is no doubt that they do.Animals are weak and defenceless,and advantage is taken of this fact.People don't complain because they are afraid to rock the status quo.
If these bastards were torturing babies, would you agree with blowing them up?If they were your children,you might be angry enough to do so.If they were black babies out somewhere in Africa,you probably wouldn't be. You might not be surprised if their own parents took such action however.Why should we wait until the horror comes so close to home?We may not feel close to animals,or feel any love for them,but we should never turn our backs on their suffering.

But,there are other ways of stopping these people and saving animals.Destroying property and exposing cruelty is effective. I personally feel it is wrong to plan to kill someone.It may solve some problems in the short term,but in the end it only reinforces people's idea of force and muscle being the answer.Most people are too ready to flex their muscles,and violence is always likely to escalate.Of course,another reason not to use violence is the heavy sentences likely.
Were the bombs meant to kill anyone –which seems unlikely – perhaps to have used these bombs to actually destroy buildings would have been more effective?

By Andrew Rawnsley

SCOTLAND YARD anti-terrorist squad officers have joined the hunt for animal rights militants who planted explosive devices in London, Sussex, Staffordshire and Yorkshire yesterday.

The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for planting the devices outside the homes of four people involved in animal experiments. The four devices were detonated by army bomb disposal teams through controlled explosions, after the militia telephoned warnings to national newspapers.

Mr David Mellor, a Home Office minister, later said the bomb planting was "being treated as serious crime, and will be vigorously investigated."

The crude devices were being examined by forensic scientists last night.

The first, a plastic container containing three butane gas cylinders, a battery and a clock, was found in Storrington, West Sussex, under a car belonging to Mr Peter Savage, sales director of Shamrock Farms, a firm which imports monkeys and breeds them for sale to research laboratories.

A second device was discovered in Dulwich, London, under the car of Dr Brian Meldrum, who last year headed a team using baboons for research into epilepsy at the Institute of Psychiatry. Further suspect packages were destroyed in Yorkshire and Staffordshire.

One was found on the front porch of the Harrogate home of Dr Alan Armitage, scientific director of the nearby Harriton Research Laboratories. The other was discovered on the doorstep of Professor Ted Evans, head of neuro-science at the University of Keele, Staffordshire.

Detective Chief Superintendent Malcolm Bevington, head of Staffordshire CID, said: "It was certainly an anti-personnel device and if any innocent person had been near the house this morning and the thing had gone off, then at the very least they would have sustained serious injuries."

Animal welfare groups joined in the condemnation of the attacks. Mr Diana Jones for the RSPCA said the society "regards this sort of action, as will all sane and sensible people, as an utter abomination."

The biggest of the animal liberation groups, the Animal Liberation Front, said it would not adopt the militia's tactics and would continue to concentrate on non-violent direct action by attacking property and raiding laboratories. But the ALF ...

Houses on an exclusive Harrogate housing estate were evacuated today while an army bomb-disposal team investigated and blew up a suspect package found in the doorway of the home of a laboratory director.

The alarm was raised after police received a report that animal-rights supporters had planted five devices in towns throughout the UK.

Police immediately checked out Harlston Laboratories, in Otley Road, Harrogate, and the homes of members of the staff.

A suspect package was found in the doorway of the large detached house of Dr. Alan Armitage, chief toxicologist and scientific director at the laboratories, who lives in Almsford Avenue, off Leeds Road.

'Militia' claim

People from eight nearby houses were evacuated while the bomb-disposal team used a remote controlled robot to investigate the package.

Part of the road was sealed off as the machine was steered through snow automatically to the doorway of the house. A few minutes later there was a loud bang as the Army exploded the package.

And there was then a long wait before one of the team wearing special protective clothing went to investigate.

A police spokesman said Dr Armitage had gone to work as usual.

He said two other suspect packages were discovered, one in Sussex and one in London.

Earlier today the area around the controversial Hazleton Laboratories was searched but nothing suspicious was found.

A North Yorkshire Police spokesman said the Animal Rights Militia had claimed responsibility for the packages.

YORKSHIRE EVENING POST

Does it matter who is responsible for the actions listed in this publication,or for this publication itself?
What matters is that these things have been done – by whom is not important.

It is no fun being questioned by the police about something,especially if you know who is responsible.So,you don't want to know. The more people that know about an action, the chance the police have of finding the activists.It only takes one person to be interviewed and to crack,and many more are dragged into the shit.Also,people have the habit of telling "just one more person", who also tells "just one more person"......

Any activist who boasts about what he/she has done has only themself to blame if someone grasses on them,but if they bring other names into it......................

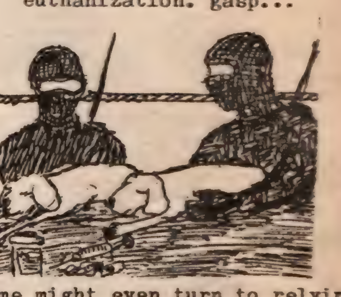
A closely-knit,water-tight group is the most effective and the hardest to crack.

We have enough to think about in steering clear of the police.Do we really have to have our job made harder by friends asking questions which they shouldn't want to know the answers to?

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE – THINK ONCE..THINK TWICE..THINK SHUT IT.
LET'S GET ON WITH THE TASK IN HAND.

WHAT THE A.L.F. SHOULD NEVER BECOME.
THE EUTHANIZATION FRONT

This is an all too real future possibility...With the shortage of homes for liberated animals, risk in homing and some libbies being too sick to live out a reasonably healthy life,sad to say,some might turn to,uh,oh... euthanization. gasp...



Some might even turn to relying on euthanization,"liberating" animals they plan to euthanize and claiming to the media, "they're now in safe homes". This would defeat the entire Iidea/purpose of the liberation front.

LIBERATION NOT EUTHANISATION!

EUTHANIZATIONIS NOT LIBERATION!
DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

ALF ON THE ATTACK

As the Animal Liberation Front's Ronnie Lee began a massive 10-year prison sentence last week for conspiracy and incitement to cause criminal damage, the movement was re-organising and now insists that the campaign of economic sabotage will continue. ***Andrew Tyler*** **reports.**

The man who has taken Lee's place as press officer, Chris Oakley, declared: 'The arrests created a lot of desperately needed change that will mean the movement will never be so vulnerable again.'

Lee, who during the four-week Sheffield trial was never directly tied to acts of damage, operated from the Hammersmith headquarters of the ALF's Supporters' Group — a body supplying funds and resources and which claims to have a separate life from the roughly 1,000 activists who carry out sabotage across the country. From Hammersmith, Lee and his associate Vivian Smith — she received four years — coordinated all Supporters' Group tasks, including the generation of a newsletter, fact sheets, membership lists, merchandising, as well as contact with the media. These functions are now to be **dispersed amongst different individuals** in more than eight sites across the UK. In addition, the operatives concerned are seeking legal advice to ensure that their activities and utterances place them outside the conspiracy and incitement breaches which resulted in Lee's conviction.

The determination of ALF activists to continue their campaigns of direct action can be judged, said Oakley, from the fact that a few hours after sentences totalling 38 years were handed down to 10 defendants, there was a raid on an agricultural research establishment at Neston, Cheshire, during which 52 hens and four piglets were recovered.

'I predict,' said Oakley, 'that the amount of actions taking place won't change.' These had been running, he said, at about 75 a month and included:
- The use of incendiary devices after hours in fur departments, causing water sprinklers to be triggered;
- Damage to butcher, fur and pet shop premises;
- Lorries belonging to such operations and other animal abusers destroyed by fire;
- Milk float tyres slashed;
- Homes of vivisectors daubed and etching fluid used on their windows;
- Animal traps destroyed;
- Animals rescued from laboratories and farms.

All activists, said Oakley, will continue to support the movement's key policy that no harm must come to any human or animal as a result of action — a policy that Lee and co endorsed during their trial. Anyone breaching this tenet would be 'disowned'.

The 10 years received by Lee, he said, had surprised no one, least of all Lee himself. He had expected 20 years because of his 'political' importance and on hearing the decision remarked to deputy High Court Judge Sir Frederick Lawton, 'That's all right.' Lawton, a specialist in terrorist trials who was brought out of retirement specially for the event, described the convicted man as a 'fanatic'. But Lawton himself was described as a 'fine fighting fascist' when, in the 1930s, he stood as parliamentary candidate for Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists.

The length of sentence did, nonetheless surprise the likes of Steven Norris, Conservative MP for Oxford East who, in a reference to the Vicarage rape case, declared: 'Sentencing at the moment seems to suggest that a woman's body is less valuable than property or the right of experimenters and mink farmers to live in peace.'

Similar sentiments came from the 'legitimate' animal rights groups this week, although they were also nervous of associating themselves with ALF's criminality in case they lost broad public backing.

Oakley, however, was undaunted by their equivocal support. 'I think the sentencing has achieved a lot of public sympathy,' he said. 'It's done nothing for the police or the courts and might even increase the determination of the activists.'

RICHARD DONKIN looks into the world of people prepared to send bombs in the name of advancing their cause

Animal rights group strikes from shadow

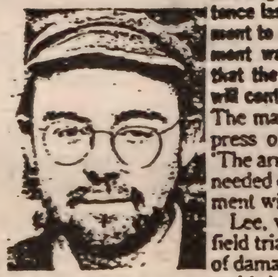
MORNING POST

THE Animal Rights Militia, which claimed to have triggered yesterday's bomb alerts at the homes of people working in the field of vivisection, almost certainly exists in name only with no identifiable leader, spokesman, or membership structure.

The name has been adopted to identify those animal rights activists prepared to go to the most extreme lengths to advance their cause.

The only person who appears to have any working knowledge of the militia is Mr. Ronnie Lee, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, which has been at the forefront of attacks against the fur trade, vivisectionists and hunters.

"I don't know what they are," Mr Lee said yesterday ...



Mr. Ronnie Lee

... sentenced to three years' prison for offences of causing damage totalling £60,000 to animal establishments. In 1977 he served eight months of a 12-month sentence imposed for the burglary of laboratory mice.

The ALF grew in membership and notoriety after attracting national attention in November 1984 when it claimed to have poisoned Mars bars.

Since then it has claimed responsibility for an increasing number of actions ranging from smashing windows of butchers' shops to arson attacks causing damage in the hundreds of thousands of pounds. Membership of supporters' branch is said to be around 1,300 but the front claims to have an even higher ...

TAKE BACK THE INITIATIVE.....

Fed up of crawling on your hands and knees,asking for concessions here, concessions there...laying yourself down as cannon fodder at demonstrations... giving the state a chance to photograph and keep a file on you...wasting money on pointless coach-fares to non-starter events...AND STILL GETTING HARDLY ANYWHERE ?
That's not to say that all demonstrations are pointless,of course.Some can be,and are,very effective in making animal abusers aware of the extent of opposition to what they are doing.They also serve as a vehicle through which we can communicate with people, and make them look up and take notice of what we are saying. The sort of demonstrations which are pointless,are the sort where everyone trudges around London,has a good time, listens to a few speakers and then goes back home to the armchair again.
And meanwhile,the murdering and exploiting bastards throughout the world sit back sipping champagne...
"That wasn't too bad was it? Who was it this week?"
"CND I think,or it could have been those animal rights people"
"O well,it was fairly quiet,no trouble,a nice demonstration – just what we like to see.I hear that there were also lots of arrests,so that's a few more people too occupied with the courts to be able to do anything really threatening."
"Yes – people should be able to vent their feelings in a peaceful way,as long as they go through the right channels. Afterall,what would we do for a living if these people got too out of hand? And they don't honestly think that the government is going to listen to them do they?!"
All that energy,time and money wasted – and STILL animals are suffering and dying,no nearer to freedom.
Imagine two laboratory dogs talking,
"Did you see those thousands of people in London today speaking out for us? Good wasn't it!"
"Yes!But just imagine what could have been if they'd all split up into small groups,and come for us and smashed up property instead!"
So – where do we go from here?
The answer lies in taking back the initiative. You do the calling,don't sit back and wait for the police to come for you,or for the next demonstration to be called.Take up the offensive and force the oppressors on to the defensive.If you think that these people will give up what they have got by us asking nicely,I pity your naivety.For god's sake – WISE UP!
Where money is involved,people won't give up until they are FORCED to give up, until they can see that their dirty business is NOT going to profit them,and that people are going to pick up their shit and throw it back...Harder.
This is war – and I make no apologies for the terminology.It is a war with a difference,a war built out of compassion and respect for our fellow living-beings.They cannot wait hundreds of years for the next reform.They are dying in their thousands NOW. Our inaction is their condemnation. Furthermore,we are not going to get animal liberation through parliament – PARLIAMENT IS PART OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM.
The whole political system is interwoven with,and propped up by big business.Political parties are funded by big companies and multinationals,and in return,you can bet that politicians look after the interests of these companies.Infact,many M.P.s and politicians have shares in these companies or the prospect of a good job after leaving the political arena...
Every time we acknowledge such people by asking them to do something for us in the mode of reform (through letters,petitions, Mobilisation For Laboratory Animals etc),we increase their power over us by giving them the belief that they have some power over us and can act on our behalf.And,every action which reinforces a politicians power, reinforces the laws of this land and lets them stay there just a little bit longer – THE SAME LAWS WHICH CONDEMN PEOPLE AND ANIMALS IN THEIR THOUSANDS.
We cannot rid ourselves of the effect by ignoring the cause.
Reforms have the effect of pacifying people, deflecting them from the real issues at stake,and giving the impression that politicians really do care.But of course they care...care for what?..

This.....

Police end fox protest

Mounted police twice charged into animal rights protesters trying to get near pens where arctic blue foxes are bred for the fur trade at Cockmarrow Farm, near Coleshill, Warwickshire, yesterday.

The 18-mounted police rounded up protesters and herded them back across fields. Then when protesters threatened to break through crash barriers near the fox pens mounted police charged into the crowd.

Demonstration organisers had called for a non-violent protest. There were 25 arrests.

or this?

The hunters became the hunted today when 36 beagles from the Ecclesfield Beagle Hunt were stolen from their kennels at Townend, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.

How the thieves removed the dogs without being spotted or using what vehicle, was still a mystery today. It is thought the theft occurred sometime between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 8.40 a.m. yesterday.

Arson attack on Aintree fence

WORK began today repair vandal damage the most famous race course fence in the world.

Arsonists who slipped through security guards under cover of darkness at Aintree set fire to Bechers Brook, destroying a four metre stretch of the thorn fence.

Animal rights two fined over protest

By KAY ANSELL

Two supporters of the animal rights movement pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of criminal damage to a furrier's window after other charges against them and a third man were discharged.

Gary Andrew Rowson, 21, of Redfern Crescent, Mulgrave, and Iain Stewart Banfield, 23, of Glenhuntly Road, Elwood, were convicted and fined a total of $730 each on five counts of causing criminal damage to the windows of Stephen Dattner Furs in Moonee Ponds on 14 February last year.

More than 30 other charges against Rowson and Banfield and a third man, Mathew Alan Layton, 20, of Burwood Road, Hawthorn, involving butcher shops and poultry farms, were withdrawn or discharged. A charge against Banfield of having possessed an explosive device was also discharged.

Sergeant Nigel Dempster told the magistrate, Mr Brian Barrow, that the three were sympathetic to the Animal Liberation Front. He said it was a matter of suspicion rather than evidence that the three stole 16 hens and caused criminal damage at the Kambouris poultry farm, Carrum Downs, on 10 March 1987.

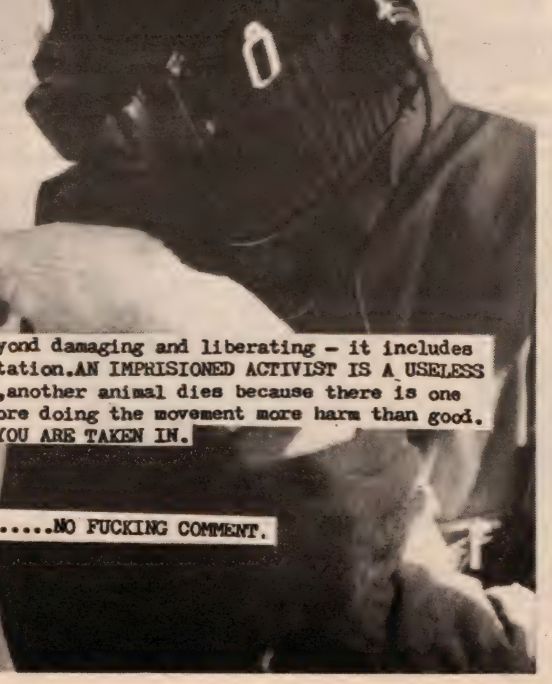
He said the cost of replacing the Dattner windows, on which slogans had been etched, was more than $6200.

Convicting the two, Mr Barrow said their strong views were shared by many people but he was concerned at the way they had expressed them. If either had had any previous convictions he could have been sentenced to jail, the magistrate said.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

If you are arrested or taken in for questioning by the police – DO NOT SAY ANYTHING.Keep your mouth shut.The only information they are entitled to is your name,address and date of birth.If they ask any other questions reply "NO COMMENT" or "I DON'T WISH TO SAY ANYTHING" and STICK TO THAT ANSWER.

The police may appear concerned,
"That was a silly thing to do was'nt it?"
"NO COMMENT."
They may be angry,
"Tell us what we want to know or we'll break every bone in your body."
"NO COMMENT."
They may appear friendly,
"Now if you just tell us what you did and why you did it,we'll forget about the charges."
"NO COMMENT."
They may try to glean other information from you,
"Do you know anything about so and so?"
"NO COMMENT."
They'll often tell lies,
"All your friends have confessed and have now been released.You're on your own now,and they've told us all about your involvement in it,so you might as well tell us yourself."
"NO COMMENT."



Helping the animals extends far beyond damaging and liberating – it includes keeping your mouth shut in the police station.AN IMPRISIONED ACTIVIST IS A USELESS ACTIVIST.Every time you open your mouth,another animal dies because there is one less activist to save it.You are therefore doing the movement more harm than good. REMEMBER THIS WHEN YOU ARE TAKEN IN.

NO COMMENT............NO COMMENT............NO FUCKING COMMENT.

Remember – THESE BASTARDS HAVE BEEN TRAINING FOR YEARS IN THE ART OF EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE.ANY MOOD OR FEELING THEY PUT OVER IS TOTALLY CONTRIVED,AND AIMED TOWARDS GETTING YOU TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

If they threaten to keep you in for longer if you refuse to make a statement, don't listen to them – THEY ARE LYING.You will undoubtedly be kept in for longer if you DO make a statement,as once they have found that they can crack you,they will push for more and more information.

INTERVIEWS WITH ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT ACTIVISTS

(reprinted from SG Britain)

How did you become members of the ALF?

We are not members of the ALF, in fact the ALF has not one single member. We are ALF activists by virtue of the fact that we carry out actions, whether on an occasional or frequent basis.

Immediately superglue has been squirted into a fur shop lock the person/s involved becomes an activist. This is exactly how we became involved in direct action four years ago.

Why and how do activists destroy vehicles and buildings?

Holcombe hunt van destroyed by fire. (Photo: Bolton Evening News/Lancashire Journal)

Daily Telegraph

FIRE ATTACK ON HUNT KENNELS

Animal rights protesters claimed responsibility for an arson attack on hunt kennels near Bury, Greater Manchester today. A truck was destroyed by fire, a car covered in paint stripper, and slogans dabbed on buildings of the kennels at Kirklees belonging to the Holcombe Hunt. No dogs were there at the time.

A man claiming to be an Animal Liberation Front spokesman claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to a local radio station. Police said damage was estimated at £1,500

We would first like to point out that damage to property does save animals. All the units at a factory farm can be destroyed in one night, a number of factory farmers have gone over to free-range egg production after a devastating action, some have been closed down. Laboratories have to spend more on security in order to retain their insurance, this money often comes out of their research budget, money that would have been spent on experimentation. Broiler sheds are a favourite target for destruction. Through modern growth promoting anti-biotics and various drugs the broiler hen reaches its maximum weight in an incredible seven weeks. The units are then cleared of the hens, many with broken limbs, which are slaughtered, processed for supermarkets and eventually the dinner table. The dirt and dead hens are cleared, the units disinfected and made ready for the new chicks. Shortly after the disinfecting is the time to burn them down as this disinfecting process scares away rodents. Some of the biggest destruction jobs have been successfully carried out by two people. A number of the buildings were worth ½ million pounds plus, also many vehicles have been trashed by just two people.

The method used for factory farm units/laboratories etc. is for one person to carry two carrier bags full of old torn-up clothes, the other person carrying a gallon container full of petrol or paraffin (from hardware shops) in one carrier bag and boxes of firelighters in the other. Alternatively rucksacks can be used (and disposed of afterwards). A newspaper and a box of matches are the only additions required. The container of petrol/paraffin and the boxes of firelighters are wrapped in cling film to eliminate any smell from them if we are using public transport, in which case newspapers cover everything in the bags. Everything, absolutely everything, has been carefully wiped including any crowbars used to gain access.

At the target area one acts as a look-out while the other gets into the building. If it's a wooden broiler unit (the doors are often left open when being cleaned) both carrier bags containing the old clothes are placed in a corner, the inflammable liquid is poured onto the old clothes drenching them, some can be poured on the walls for good measure. The boxes of firelighters are half opened and placed on top against the wooden walls. Using a piece of rolled up newspaper that is lit with a match, the firelighters are then lit while standing a few feet away. This is in case we have any inflammable material on our gloves. The box of matches is tossed on top.

If it's a lab., abattoir etc. furniture is placed around one bag, the second one being placed in another room, again surrounded by furniture, and lit in the same way as above.

Where there are a number of units/buildings either the largest building is destroyed or we go for the lot, transporting the materials by car. We will have already confirmed that there are no people or animals in a target building, our first job on the raid is to check the building(s) thoroughly.

Black plastic bin bags or sacks full of old clothes (one for each unit/building, more if possible depending on circumstances), half to one gallon of inflammable liquid to each bag/sack is required (the liquid being bought a gallon at a time from different sources). On top of each is placed a box of firelighters half opened (2 or 3 packets even better, though not necessary). The sack is tilted so it leans against the corner of a wooden unit so that it can't fall away from the side panels when burning. The materials are driven to the units separately. If only one car is being used, the sacks full of jumble can be stashed with a person left to keep an eye on them, then the petrol/paraffin and finally the boxes of firelighters, newspaper and box of matches.

Trashing vehicles, all that is required is petrol or paraffin. If the doors will open (as they often will with lorries) the petrol is poured over the dashboard and seats, if need be a window is forced. If it's a car that is alarmed an old sheet is laid on top, inflammable liquid poured over and firelighters placed under each tyre (a refinement that can be carried out against anything with tyres eg. tractor of factory farmer). The firelighters are lit and the lighted paper tossed on top of the paraffin/petrol drenched sheet. If the fuel tank eventually goes up on a lorry it may travel 20-30 yards. If the lorry is not this distance away from a house or unit with animals in it we release the handbrake and push it beyond this distance.

If for some reason a lorry cannot be destroyed outright an excellent tactic is to buy a tin of grinding paste, per lorry, and mix the contents with oil. The resulting paste is poured down the oil pipe into the engine, this process ruins the engine. Once, sometime after one of these actions had been successfully carried out a particularly well made enclosure was built by the firm around the lorries with several dogs on the loose. Consequently a further raid would have proved difficult so a successful hoax was executed. Empty grinding paste tins were thrown over the fences, the firm informed of another raid. Finding the empty tins they had the engines stripped before finding it was a hoax. Also, sugar, sand or water is added to fuel tanl

Max Security

Just a few drops in a door lock will prevent criminals from entering their place of business.
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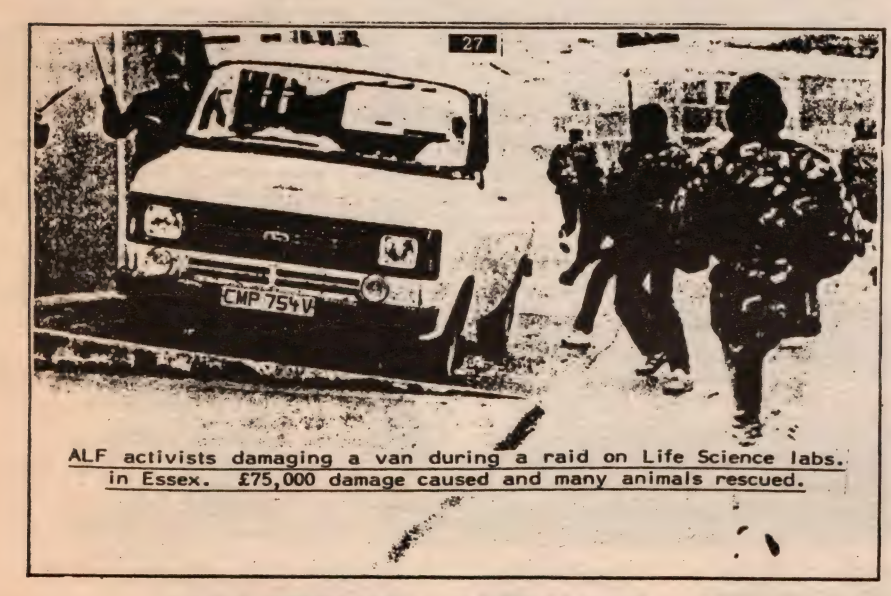


ALF activists damaging a van during a raid on Life Science labs. in Essex. £75,000 damage caused and many animals rescued.

1. PLACE AN UNLIGHTED CIGARETTE BETWEEN TWO ROWS OF MATCHES. UNITE THEM TOGETHER BY TYING THEM FIRMLY WITH A STRING.
2. WRAP THE MATCHES IN DRY PAPER OR ANY OTHER INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCE. PLACE THE DEVICE

BETWEEN EMPTY WOODEN OR CARTON BOXES.
3. LIGHT THE CIGARETTE AT THE FREE END. THE MATCHES WILL LIGHT IN 5 OR 10 MINUTES.

ETCHING FLUID

ALF activists have discovered a new 'weapon' which has successfully been used in some areas and will soon doubtless catch on in others.

Sheffield ALF initiated the idea when they squirted 'etching fluid' over more than fifty windows in the city in a continuation of their campaign against House of Fraser stores which have Edelson Fur depts. The stores attacked were Rackhams and Cole Bros. The fluid eats into the glass.

Following the stir that this caused, the ALF in Merseyside used etching fluid on travel agencies where tickets were on sale for circuses using animals and the windows had to be replaced. There was also success with it in Stirling in Scotland when the windows of two bloodsports shops and a fur shop had to be renewed after slogans were written on them with the etching fluid. Then a dairy van had its windscreen doused with the fluid in London. The windscreens are particularly good targets, since they have to be replaced before the vehicles can be driven.

Glass etching fluid is available from craft and fine art shops. A small bottle costs about £3 but the expense is well worth it when one considers the reduction of risk to an activist using it - there is none of the noise that a catapult or brick creates.

How do you go about carrying out actions?

There are a number of aspects that one has to take into consideration. First and foremost it's important to have a look around the region at all the targets, laboratories (details enclosed), as many of the factory farms as one can find, hunt kennels, fur shops, abattoirs etc. If actions have taken place already in your home area then it may be a good idea to go for the most straightforward, squirting paintstripper from a lemon juice squeezy, or a washing-up liquid squeezy bottle over the van(s) of an animal exploiter, gluing up fur shop locks to start with, then progress to factory farms which generally are not alarmed (there is the odd one that is, particularly the very large food chain store ones). If no actions, or only one or two small actions have taken place, it may be beneficial to go for a laboratory, the reasoning being that once things start happening in your area the labs., if any, will invest in more security measures. There are still labs. with only minimal security. The animals are not necessarily in the labs. at all times and there is usually an animal house in a separate building where animals are held until needed or in some cases are bred there. We can usually gain access to the grounds (we're not put off by the usual security fence with strands of barbed wire at the top, these can be climbed with practice - we use the concrete posts as a support and wear 2-3 pairs of gloves when learning), we usually find the buildings with animals have fans operating, pumping out the stale air in the unit and fresh air in. We can smell which one has animals within.

With factory farm units we can tell what kind of animals, if any, are in the units by simply placing our ear against an air duct on the side of the unit or at the door, listening and smelling. Or we try shining a pencil torch, with coloured plastic held over the end by an elastic band, through any openings. In fact we double or treble the layers of plastic so that only the minimum of light gets through, not only reducing the chance of anyone else seeing but shine a bright light onto battery hens and they may well make a lot of noise. We always try the door handle etc. and have been pleasantly surprised a couple of times to find it is not locked. With experience one can often tell what animals are held in a particular unit by its shape, size and building materials used.

When looking at potential targets we don't take balaclavas etc. We also make a point of emptying our pockets of everything including door keys, discarding matching jewellery etc. before setting out, in case we drop anything. If we need to cover our faces a scarf is fine and we wear gloves of course. We also carry bird watching books and binoculars.

How do you carry out actions against shops involved in animal exploitation?

There are a number of ways in which we cause them financial loss. First is the length of time they are open, remembering the slogan 'time is money' we place small pieces of wire, ½" long, or match sticks in Yale locks, screws/washers into mortice locks and then squirt in superglue, both to the locks in the front door and any side or back door. When completed any shutters on the windows have the locks similarly treated. A few days before the action we walk around the shops in the early evening to check what types of locks are installed so that we have an idea of how many pieces of wire/match, tubes of glue etc. we require. Returning on the night between 7-8pm (we don't wander round the shops after the pubs have closed when the police are expecting trouble, and shirt and tie doesn't go amiss), we walk up and down to check no police are standing in a doorway as they sometimes do in shopping centres. All clear and a bunch of us stand close to the door eating a bag of chips and talking, shielding the person gluing the lock, it only takes a few seconds. This is usually done by a female activist who has the materials in a small plastic bag under her clothing, if we were to be spotted acting suspiciously there is far less chance of a female being searched. We would of course be able to say which pub we have all just been to. Some stores have the type of handles on the doors that can be locked together with a bicycle lock. Any messages are written either with paint (not on windows which are easy to clean - we go for the brick/woodwork) or with a felt-tip pen. Where circus posters on walls are concerned we write the word 'CANCELLED' twice on A4 paper in felt-tip pen, photocopy it, cut the copies in half so we have two 'CANCELLED' strips and paste them over the fly posters. We also type up a 'cancelled' note informing the shops that display posters in their windows of a mix-up of dates and asking them to take down the poster in their shop, also informing them that the complementary tickets they received for putting up the posters in their shop will be honoured when it takes place.

To push up their insurance premiums we damage the windows. Up until recently this involved using a ball-bearing and Black Widow catapult

1. WET A SPONGE
2. WRAP THE SPONGE TIGHTLY WITH A STRING AND LET IT DRY
3. REMOVE THE STRING
4. INTRODUCE THE SPONGE INTO TOILETS OR WATER DRAINS TO STOP THEM UP AS THE SPONGE SWELLS

When Drastic Measures Are Required

Are you mad enough to do something rash? Relax....Consider the situation carefully. Know the background of the target-go for big business, greed establishments. Remember, the enemy is bigger than us one million fold! Don't waste efforts on the little guy who may be barely feeding the family-hit the major conglomeration! Expose their atrocities!

When the situation calls for drastic measures, arson, a traditional A.L.F. tactic, is an easy, quick way to cause major financial damage.

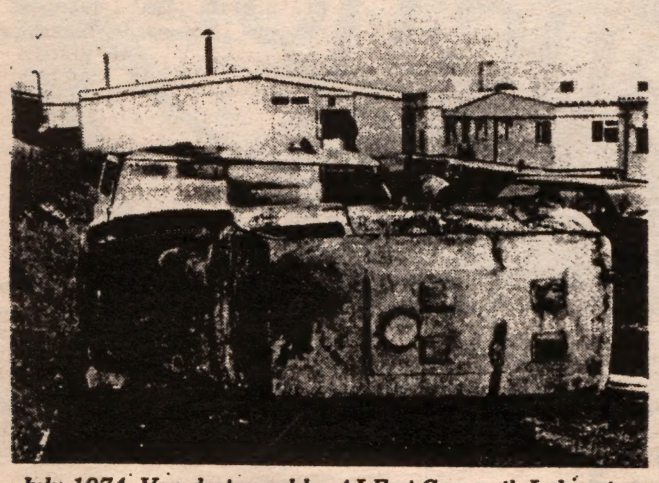
Arson is extremely dangerous. It is the duty of the activist to be sure nobody, animals or humans, are inside the building before the blaze. If this action is to be seen as an act for ethics then it must be committed carefully!

Remember, arson is a serious crime, a felony punishable by a massive fine and heavy prison sentence. Arson, like other acts of terrorism, carries no statute of limitations, so investigations can continue indefinately.

Also realize, arson has a bad name. Conservative and even liberal/semi-radical activists cringe at the so called "violent" act of blazing.

Commit all crimes in silence! Even your best friends can be squeezed by the heat! Careful! Careful! No evidence! No evidence!

-Cinderella



July 1974. Van destroyed by ALF at Carworth Laboratory Animal Breeding Centre, Huntingdon.

Sitting high amidst rocks and wood in my treetop nest looking down over the glittering lights of the city, I ponder and I fret.

The black highway snakes down into cement megopolis. A distant siren wails and, like the commuters creeping home thru the haze, an icy drop of dread slithers up my spine and I quiver.

One drop of blood, thinks I, one tiny drop of hope. In all the shit piling up one crimson drop of hope is a terrible thing to waste. So few who really care... And to you, the few, the fistfull of rocks breaking windows, making noise, sounding alarms - A word to you - Caution.

The arena's on fire and the temperature's rising. The recent past has seen a furious increase in action - The A.L.F. now ranks among the top 3 on the F.B.I.'s list of terrorist groups.

1987 hit an unprecedented high damage tally reaching, by my estimates, somewhere over the ten million dollar mark, including the first U.S. arson attack, the multi-million dollar blaze getting the newly constructed state of the art research lab at U.C. Davis. (Actual figures may be higher. Still it's just a speck of shit splattered on the lab toilet!)

Then, in 1988, the first attempted bombing against a vivisector resulted in the arrest of one woman whose goal may, or may not have been to blast the living shit out of the head researcher of a private Connecticut medical lab. (Police allegedly received a tip that there might be violence there that night..)

Be careful! We can't stress this enough! Do what needs doing and cover your trail. Don't tell your activities to anyone before or after you do it.

•Be smart-always pretend the enemy could be smarter than you. Always have an alternate way out. Know who the real enemies (The big ones) are. Don't be predictable.

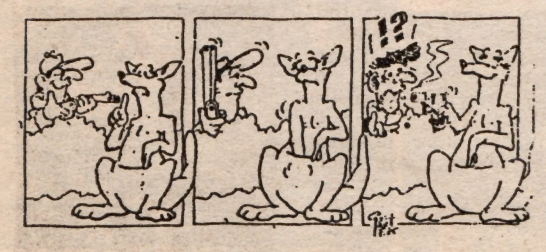
•Work alone or in small groups (3-4) comrades you know and can trust 100%. Your life and freedom may depend on that trust.

•Vow to yourself and your team an oath of secrecy. Talk to no one outside. Don't talk about plans on the phone. Never, ever talk to cops. If you brag or squeal you bring the whole movement down with you.

•Go big time! Remember that with each action the odds of getting caught stack up against you. Don't piddle around. Make it count!

Maximum Destruction - Not Minimum Damage!

-Cinderella



Bomb plot alleged at surgery lab

Associated Press

NORWALK, Conn. — An animal rights activist was arrested Friday on charges she planted a radio-controlled pipe bomb in an apparent attempt to kill the head of a company that experiments on dogs, police said.

Fran Stephanie Trutt, 33, of New York was captured shortly after midnight as she left the grounds of U.S. Surgical Corp., police said.

New York City police later removed two 3-by-6 inch pipe bombs from Trutt's home in Queens, "one with a fuse, one with a radio," Detective Joseph McConville said.

U.S. Surgical conducts experiments on about 1,000 animals, mostly dogs, a year. The animals are destroyed after experiments.

State health officials last month upheld the company's use of anesthetized live dogs to demonstrate its equipment for surgical stapling, a process that replaces stitches to close wounds and incisions.

Magic! Glass Paint

Etching fluid leaves a permanent message on any surface, even windshields.

There are also a number of human animal rights prisoners — serving sentences for their attempts to challenge the abuse of animals. The offences range from breach of bail, (attending a hunt protest when told not to do so) to conspiracy to incite criminal damage, (advocating direct action as a realistic strategy to end all animal abuse). Although several animal rights campaigners are now serving 4 year prison sentences, the most determined state attempt to crush opposition to animal abuse is illustrated by the treatment of Ronnie Lee. As press officer of the Animal Liberation Front he was the number one target of the Scotland Yard squad established to destroy the ALF.

In March 1987 he received a ten year prison sentence.
He was not charged with a crime involving violence
The judge was a former member of the British Union of Fascists

THE LAW IS NOT JUSTICE

FREE RONNIE LEE
AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
(HUMAN ANIMAL AND NON-HUMAN ANIMAL)

We decided that the only course open to us was to attempt to destroy the building, and on Novem ber 10 1973 the partially constructed vivisection complex was attacked by fire.

"When workmen had left the site, the building was checked to make sure that no human or other creatures remained inside and a fire was started by setting light to a polythene sheeting in a room of the building. The damage caused by this attack was later estimated to be over £26,000

An Argument For Economic Sabotage vs. Live Animal Liberations

Yes, full scale animal/human liberation is our goal and the image of the black clad agent of mercy with beagles and bolt cutters is heartwarming. Still, given the enormity of the enemy and the staggering numbers of animals abused, we must consider if putting forth huge efforts to free a handful of creatures is really worth it.

The hardest part is finding homes for the libbies, and every libbie is a live piece of evidence. Can we realistically screen every home and know nobody will squeal about a beakless chicken or a barkless dog? A dozen rabbits, rats or guinea pigs quickly become 12 dozen!

Live liberations require larger teams and much more time, plus you leave with more evidence than you go in with.

An act of sabotage is quicker, requires less follow-up, less people, less evidence and gets 'em where it hurts the most-their funding!

-Cinderella

AS A PROTEST?

So often, in reports of ALF activities, we read that the activists carried out the rescue of animals, caused damage etc. as a protest against the persecution or cruel treatment of animals.

Sometimes the media automatically inserts the word 'protest' but more often than not it comes from the activists themselves in their claim of responsibility. So what is protest? According to my dictionary, the relevant meaning would be "statement of dissent or disapproval" or a "remonstrance". Is this really what the ALF is, or should be, all about? To my mind the answer is, quite definitely, "no". Should ALF attacks which cause hundreds of thousands of pounds damage annually to property connected with animal abuse be regarded merely as a "statement of disapproval"? Is the rescue of thousands of animals every year from vivisection, factory farming and other cruelties only a "remonstrance".

A protest is an action which calls upon somebody else to do something. To protest against vivisection, for instance, is to call upon the vivisectors to give up, or upon the government to outlaw the cruel practice. And, in the end, protest is powerless because, if ignored, it can take the situation no further - as it always relies upon the actions of others, and not the protestors, to bring about change.

To be truly effective ALF action must go beyond, and be seen (especially by those who carry it out) to go beyond, mere acts of protest. The ALF must exist, and see itself to exist, not just as another protest group but as an organisation whose actions are intended to directly bring about change.

Animals should always be rescued whenever possible, but the main aim of ALF actions must not be protest, but economic sabotage.

Actions carried out, not for the sake of their own effect, but as some kind of adjunct to political campaigning are doomed eventually to failure. This is because the 'needs' of the political campaign will decree that the action falls short of what is truly effective. Thus we have the spectacle of activists entering laboratories and other animal abuse centres to cause only 'limited damage' and just to take documents and photographs when the whole place could have been torn to pieces. Fools, are you proud of your restraint? Pleased that you did not 'go too far', so that political ambitionists can once again ride upon your backs? Are you happy to have wasted a golden opportunity?

The debate is now underway. Did the destruction of a veterinary research laboratory by the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) at the University of California at Davis on April 16, 1987—probably the single most destructive blow yet dealt against the seemingly indestructible animal research industry—help or hinder the animal rights movement?

Maybe we should ask ourselves if this is even the right question. Shouldn't we be asking whether the $3.5 million U.C. Davis blaze helped the *animals*?

From all but a narrow view, the fire that swept through the lab appears to have done nothing but good for a movement that for so long has achieved little for the oppressed animals it champions. Some people who fear their own reputations will be tainted, or that they will lose financial support, have spoken out against the fire. Nowhere in their rhetoric is sincere concern for what's best for the animals.

So, why is the fire a good thing? Because, very simply, if you subtract the fear that some in the animal rights movement feel (or felt) about the incident, the animals—those we are fighting for—won. If one could successfully communicate with the animals destined for that lab, there's no doubt they would applaud the action—just as prisoners of the Nazis would have applauded the destruction of concentration camps before millions could be imprisoned there and eventually murdered. Since the fire, coverage of all aspects of the movement has increased because of the interest stirred up by the incident. The media can't help but take this as a serious movement.

Of course, there's the question of "violence". However, the fire *was not* a violent act, unless we are to believe that violence can be committed against an inanimate object—a building. The building was to be used to imprison, torture and butcher innocent animals. Without the building, those things may not occur.

For the record, the fire—according to news reports—took place far away from the campus in an area so isolated that police said it was the last place they would have expected such an incident to occur.

Some say the fire wasn't well thought out, or typical of the ALF. However, a look at the facts shows that the entire incident fits the method of operation for the ALF. It was: (a) nonviolent, with no reasonable chance of hurting anyone; (b) a fire, which is a very common type of ALF action in Europe; (c) accomplished at a facility that wasn't even known to those of us in the local animal rights community; and (d) designed to liberate farm animals, the primary focus of the ALF in Europe.

So, why all the criticism by certain segments of the movement? One explanation is that people are afraid. In just an instant, a research building was destroyed. Many in the movement have fought for years just to get larger cages for lab animals—and failed. It is curious that these people have never criticized publicly other segments of the movement that have failed miserably for decades. Oddly, we are asked to support those in the movement who seldom, if ever, achieve success. Yet, the ALF—which has liberated thousands of animals from lives of torture—is criticized for achieving the only real victories against animal oppressors.

It makes more sense to not really criticize anyone. People who write letters, lobby or protest are not criticized by the ALF. But, these same people appear to be quick to criticize ALF actions. Their reason is that the "image" of the movement may be tarnished. What image? An image of failure, infighting and self-gratification? Isn't the image of the ALF nonviolently liberating animals a preferable one?

Blaze damages UCD vet building

Animal rights material found, autos vandalized

■ **ANIMAL RIGHTS** group active at UC Davis/ **A2**

By KIM HUGGETT
SACRAMENTO UNION STAFF WRITER

A three-alarm fire, which might have been set by animal rights radicals, caused an estimated $2.5 million damage Thursday to a veterinary laboratory under construction at the University of California at Davis.

A campus official said the 3 a.m. blaze "has not been definitely" ruled an arson, but that evidence was recovered indicating the clandestine Animal Liberation Front may be involved.

Fire at UC Davis May Be Work of Animal Activists

DAVIS, Calif. (AP)—Fire

NOT MINIMUM

Burnt UC-Davis building was vandalized, FBI finds

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

SACRAMENTO — FBI agents discovered Saturday that an unfinished veterinary medicine building at UC-Davis was vandalized shortly before a $2.5 million fire destroyed half the structure.

But university officials would not say what evidence was found

17 state vehicles on campus that had their tires punctured and had been spray-painted with slogans proclaiming "Animal Liberation Front" and "Stop the Torture."

The group claimed responsibility for the vandalism in notes to Sacramento media, but the notes did not mention the fire.

Essex said that the FBI was called to investigate the case be-

Animal Group Says It Torched Veal Company

By Ray Tessler

Animal rights advocates claimed responsibility yesterday for a blaze that caused $10,000 damage to a Santa Clara veal processing facility.

Arson hint in UCD vet school fire

Shadowy animal rights group is suspected

Sixteen firefighters and 19 volunteers quickly controlled the fire, reported at 2:41 a.m. at

Protests, vandalism by animal rights groups is becoming increasingly common in state. Page B1.

Arson-destroyed veterinary lab finally opens

By Eric Mattson
Bee Staff Writer

Like a phoenix risen from the ashes, the University of California, Davis, veterinary laboratory that was destroyed by radical animal-rights activists a year and a half ago has been resurrected.

The $10.9 million Thurman Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is the cornerstone of California's effort to control disease in livestock and poultry, a $4 billion per year industry.

In April 1987, the half-finished laborato-

ry sustained $4.6 million worth of damage from a deliberately set fire. The initials "ALF" — presumably standing for the radical Animal Liberation Front — were spray-painted on the building.

Police and federal officials still are trying to track down the culprits.

Tuesday, university officials unveiled the rebuilt laboratory in a media tour. The lab will be formally dedicated today at 2 p.m.

University officials said the opening comes as a relief. It originally was scheduled to open more than a year ago, and the fire-caused delay caused considerable frustration.

"At first, everybody was pretty resilient, but as time went on you could see the effect that the fire had had," said Dr. Alex Ardans, director of the California Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System.

The system consists of five laboratories spread across the state designed to stop diseases in livestock and poultry before they can spread to other animals or to humans.

Assistant Chief of Ca
Bill Essex said

Animal rights group claims fire credit

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a.m. Thursday, gutted t
to have house

Animal activists claim they set blaze

ARSON, from Page 1B

and another blaze late Wednesday at a San Jose cattle feed and slaughtering lot was claimed by a group calling itself the Animal Rights Militia.

Fire officials from Santa Clara, San Jose and the state fire marshal's office said Saturday they did not know if the three fires were linked or if the Animal

Front is not an organization, but "an umbrella term that various individuals have used in claiming responsibility for actions."

In addition to causing structural damage, Saturday morning's fire left about 3,000 boxed chickens unfit for sale because of

nearby fires in recent months. But because the others had targeted veal and beef, she said, she thought her poultry business was safe.

"It really angers

try to add security" or ask police to beef up patrols.

The arson

Arsonists torch poultry warehouse

By Pamela Kramer
Mercury News Staff Writer

A Santa Clara poultry warehouse Saturday became the second target in less than a week of arsonists claiming to be animal-rights activists.

Firefighters responding to the three-alarm blaze just before 5 a.m. found the words "Animal Liberation Front" and "killers" sprayed in green paint on the walls of V. Melani Inc. Authorities estimated the fire caused at least $200,000 damage.

Melani's owners were angry.

"It just doesn't make sense, period," said Evelyn Petrusich, 73, whose father founded the company at a different Santa Clara County location in 1921. His father was in the poultry business in Florence, Italy.

"All they're doing is property destruction," she said. "They're not stopping anything."

The Associated Press reported that a man called its Los Angeles bureau at 5:13 a.m. Saturday, saying that he was from the Animal Liberation Front and that the group had "just burned down a chicken murderer."

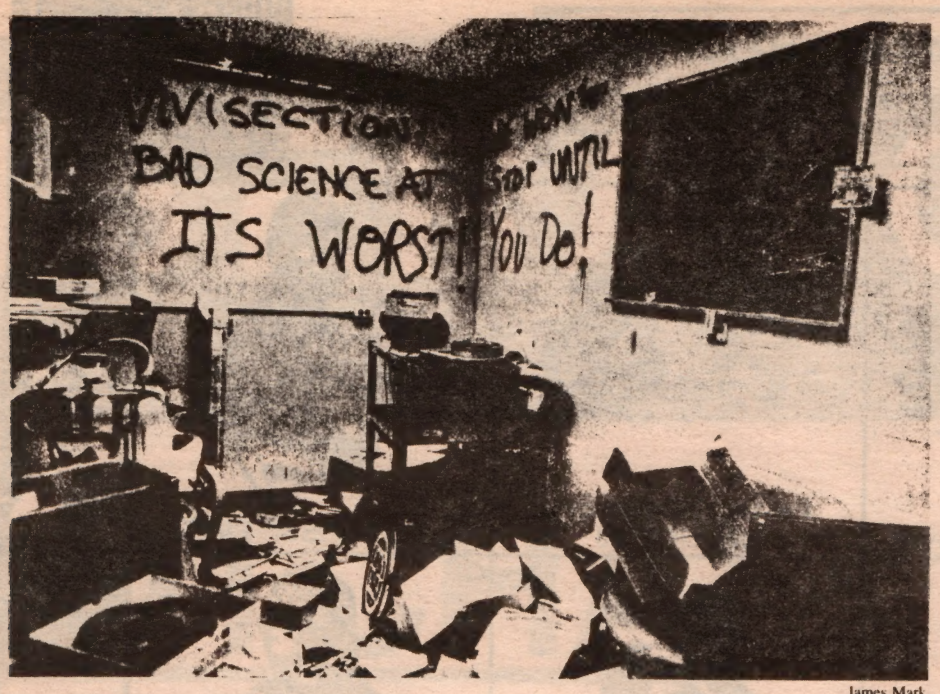
Melani — a warehouse where no animals are slaughtered — is just down Richard Avenue from a veal company that was hit by arson Sept. 1.

Petrusich family inspects fire damage at poultry firm

John R. Fulton Jr. — Mercury News

...ering hay hauled from torched feed barn

Animals stolen from UO labs



James Mark

ALF attack aftermath: "We won't stop until you do."

Expensive equipment destroyed, rooms ransacked, walls painted

By DIANA ELLIOTT
The Register-Guard

Two science laboratories in separate buildings at the University of Oregon were vandalized and more than 150 live animals stolen sometime early Sunday.

The initials ALF — the acronym for the Animal Liberation Front, an international animal rights organization — were spray painted in red on walls and equipment in both suites.

Late Sunday, an envelope was delivered to The Associated Press in Portland containing a statement allegedly from the Animal Liberation Front, claiming responsibility for the UO incident. The statement said 203 animals had been taken.

"This is just the beginning of our efforts to liberate those oppressed in research concentration camps in Oregon," the statement said. "We will not allow slaughter to continue without resistance."

Sorting through shattered glass and paint-soaked equipment in the Science I building Sunday afternoon, university officials speculated that damage to equipment alone could add up to at least $50,000.

Most of the destroyed pieces of equipment were sensitive and expensive laboratory devices, including a microscope worth more than $10,000, an electrocardiogram machine, an X-ray machine, an incubator and a sterilizer, said Greg Stickrod, director of laboratory animal services.

The stolen animals, which included 18 cats, 24 rabbits, 12 hamsters and 100 rats, were worth about $3,000, Stickrod said.

Stickrod said that while the incident may have been aimed at stopping animal research, none of the animals stolen was used for clinical experiments. The burglary took place in labs used for breeding and caretaking, Stickrod said.

He said the burglary will not have a long-term effect on the future of animal research at the UO.

"It is not going to stop research at all," Stickrod said. "It is just going to cost the taxpayers a lot of money."

Stickrod estimated that the loss of the animals will affect about 20 faculty members' projects, but most of the research will resume by the end of the week.

Other projects may be delayed about three months and at least one project that cannot be duplicated will not be continued. That research involved an entire line of hamsters that had a specific genetic composition developed in the UO laboratory.

"It was a discovery that had an immense potential," Stickrod said.

In a project that spanned five years, scientists discovered a rare and subtle genetic mutation, he said. The animal had a different biological rhythm. Because such a characteristic is difficult to observe, scientists may not be able to duplicate the results for a very long time, he said.

While Stickrod could not speculate on what kind of breakthrough the research might have spurred, he said it was the type of experiment that in the past has led to cures for diseases.

The statement delivered to The Associated Press said the attack was directed at university professors Barbara Gordon-Lickey and Richard Marrocco, who do animal research.

The burglary was discovered about 8:30 a.m. Sunday by a work-study student who feeds the lab animals on weekends, Stickrod said. All the animals except for monkeys were taken, but the cages were left. Nothing else was taken.

There was no apparent sign of forced entry and both Stickrod and Doug Miller, supervisor of laboratory animals, were puzzled at how the burglars entered first the buildings and then the laboratories. Students were working in the laboratories Saturday until midnight, so the burglary occurred sometime in the early morning hours Sunday, Stickrod said.

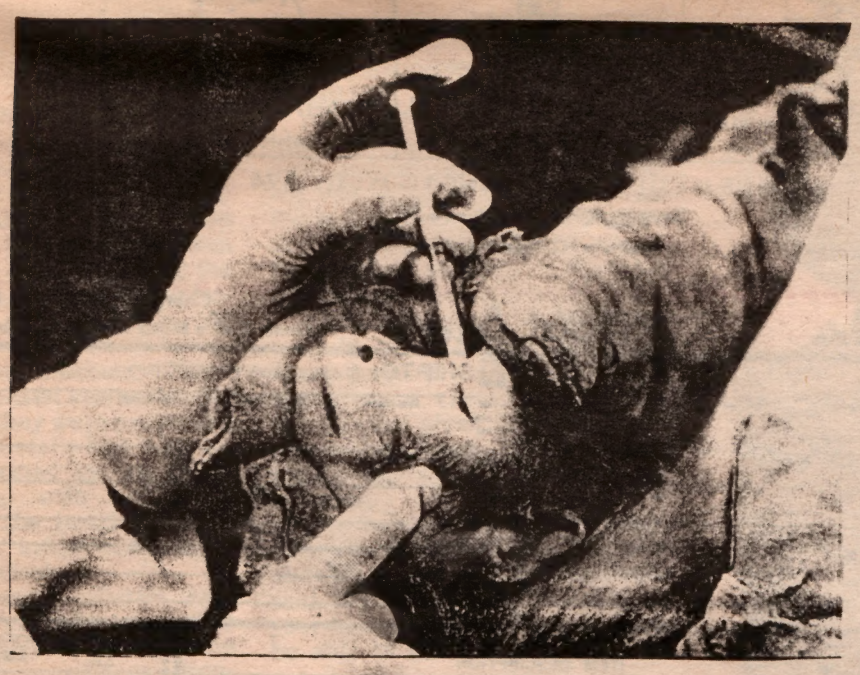
They initially thought that the burglars may have had access to a key, but police officers told them there are other methods of breaking in without leaving signs.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a national organization with a Eugene chapter, periodically pickets outside the UO science building, protesting animal experimentation. An official of that group said Sunday night that PETA is not affiliated with ALF.

Sharon Nettles, spokeswoman of the Eugene PETA chapter, said PETA doesn't advocate using illegal means other than civil disobedience to protest animal research.

Nettles did say, however, that individuals in PETA have varying opinions as to whether illegal acts are justified.

"Personally, I'm thrilled (about the burglary)," Nettles said. "I believe animals have rights just like people."



Technicians perform tuberculosis test by inserting needle into eyelid of fully conscious primate. The alternate method of of performing test is a subcutaneous (just under skin) abdominal injection requiring more effort on technician's part to restrain.

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Monkeys, rabbits moved off UO campus

Vandalized science laboratories to be restored

Fourteen monkeys and three rabbits were moved off the University of Oregon campus Friday from the science labs raided Oct. 26 by an animal rights group.

The animals were moved "far, far away," said Greg Stickrod, director of animal laboratory services. He would not disclose the location but said they were at another "institution."

The labs now have no animals in them and will undergo restoration and installation of security systems.

More than 150 science animals were taken and the labs ransacked during the raid for which the national Animal Liberation Front has taken credit. The organization opposes university animal experimentation. Seven rabbits were recovered in Roseburg.

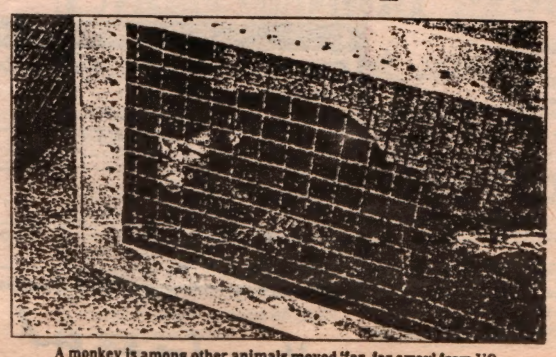
Stickrod said there now were no animals at the two facilities that were hit. "The few remaining animals on campus are those directly involved in research," he said. Most of the animals moved were breeding animals.

The remaining animals, most of them rodents, have been moved to a "maximum security" area on campus, he said.

"One of the most important reasons for the move is that it now allows us to open up those facilities for the restoration and for the installation of security systems," Stickrod said.

Some work-study students were laid off after the raid because of the reduced animal population. "We could assure quality of care at another institution," Stickrod said.

The renovation project may take more than two months. The university fully intends to restore the animal science program to its strength before the raid, Stickrod said.



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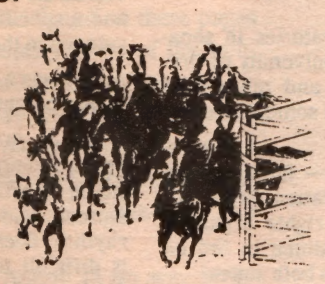

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